



Prayer Watch



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Using Prayer & Fasting as a Weapon

By: Keenan Cason, Prayer Ministry member

According to Luke 10:19, the Lord has given us authority over the enemy—and what better way to bind the plans and works of the enemy than through prayer and fasting? Scripture records Jesus and others in the Bible using prayer and fasting to draw closer to God and to seek His wisdom, knowledge, and revelation concerning their lives. When we use prayer and fasting as tools, we gain access to the gifts the Lord has birthed in us. Prayer and fasting can guide and strengthen our lives daily, reminding us that we are in constant connection and communion with the Lord. Matthew 17:21 reminds us that some things only come by prayer and fasting. This should serve as an encouragement to us, as a body of believers, that we can build ourselves up and commune with the Father whenever we see fit!

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with open hearts, desiring more of You and less of ourselves. Teach us to surrender our will, our desires, and our plans so that we may walk in obedience to

Your voice. Help us to embrace prayer and fasting not as burdens, but as powerful tools to draw near to You.

Lord, we lay down our distractions and our pride, and we ask for the strength to seek You earnestly. Birth in us a hunger for Your presence, Your wisdom, and Your will. May we be vessels You can use—refined, renewed, and ready.

We surrender our lives to You completely. Lead us in Your truth as we commit ourselves to deeper communion through prayer and fasting. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Church Anniversary Weekend slated for June 21-22



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Join us for our 116th Church Anniversary weekend as we kick-off on with the annual Church Cookout on Saturday, June 21st.

Church Cookout Saturday, June 21st



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Church Family, our annual Church Cookout is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st from 11:00am-4:00pm at Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center, The cookout is free and open to the entire church family. We are in still in need of 50 volunteers with specific emphasis in the following areas:

Come on Men of God... Sing!



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Looking for male singers (age 18+ and older) to minister with the FCC Male Chorus on Father's Day (June 15) at the 10am service. Rehearsal TONIGHT, June 11th from 6pm-8pm here at New Salem Fellowship area. For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Merlyn Ruffin mruffin@newsalemmares.com or 614 930-2221.

Music Ministry Rehearsals for June



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You are invited to participate in music ministry at New Salem as follows: Rehearsals for Voices of New Salem, Young Adult Choir, Praise & Worship, FCC Male Chorus and Jean Bell Children's Choir are held in the Mini-

Registration Volunteers 7
Set-up and Clean Up. 15
Food Service. 10
Games and Activities. 8

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Women of Power - 2026 Retreat Informational

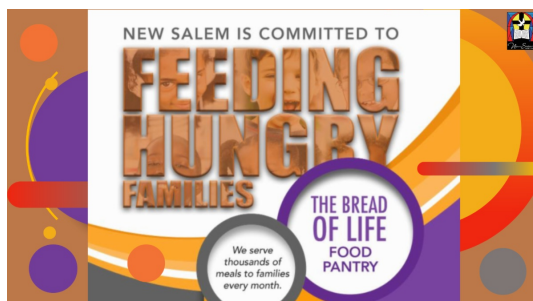


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Women of Power is hosting our informational meeting for the 2026 Women's Retreat on Monday, June 16th at 7pm EST via Zoom. Scan QR code, click on the link below or visit our website at www.newsalemcare.com to complete the interest form. Please note that you must complete an interest form to receive the link to the meeting. Look forward to seeing you!

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Volunteer for the Pantry



Fellowship Hall area at New Salem.
See the graphic, for more details or contact Rev. Merlyn Ruffin at mruffin@newsalemcare.com or call her at 614 930-2221.

Heath & Hope Virtual Lunch Series- Men Only



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Men of New Salem – your health matters! Invest in yourself by joining the Health & Hope Virtual Lunch Series, a three-part online experience designed to help you live stronger, longer, and better. Join us at 12pm noon on **Wednesdays, June 25th, July 23rd, and Aug 20th**. Bring your lunch and leave empowered. For more information, email Brother Adam Troy, Director of Missions, at atroy@newsalemcare.com or Rev. Landon Adams, Director of Membership, at ladams@newsalemcare.com.

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Volunteer Education Coordinators

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The Bread of Life Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to serve on Wednesdays from 4:30pm-6:45 pm and 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:30am-12:30pm. Gather your caregroup, friends and family to sign up via the enewsletter or just come to 1880 Agler Rd and we'll welcome you there! If you have any questions, please email Adam Troy at atroy@newsalemmares.com.

Join the Run/Walk Club



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The Summer Run/Walk Club is in motion. Join us each Saturday at 7:30am until August 2nd at various locations citywide. All levels of walkers and runners are welcome to come and fellowship! Scan the QR code or click the link to sign the participation form and access more information.

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Do you like to organize and coordinate events, activities. Do you love education or aspects of learning? Then the Maturity department needs you. We have 3 volunteer opportunities for Education Coordinators. Contact Rev. Dr. Monica Lowe at mlowe@newsalemmares.com or call her at 614 930-2242 to serve.

Coffee in the Park kicks off June 28th



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This summer let's take our fellowship beyond the four walls of the church and into the marketplace! New Salem is excited to invite YOU to our "Coffee in the Park" Conversation Series—happening in June, July, and August!

Come connect, share, and be inspired as we gather for meaningful conversations, real connections, and spiritual encouragement—all over a warm cup of coffee. Whether you're a long-time member or new to our church family, there's a seat at the table just for you. Bring a friend, your favorite mug, and an open heart. Let's stir up good coffee and great conversations together! Let's make this summer a season of

Baby Dedications

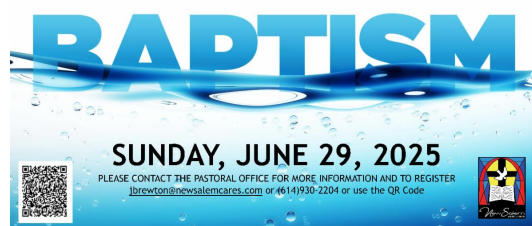


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Baby Dedications will take place on Sunday, June 29 immediately following the Worship Services. Please register by scanning the QR Code, click on the link below or call the Pastoral Office at (614)930-2204 or email jbrewton@newsalemcare.com

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Baptism



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Baptisms will take place on Sunday, June 29 during the Worship Services. If you would like to be baptized, please register by scanning the QR Code, click on the link below, or call the Pastoral Office at (614)930-2204 or email jbrewton@newsalemcare.com

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New Salem HBCU Council Launch



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Are you a proud graduate of a Historically Black College or University? Do you bleed blue and gold, maroon and white, or any of the vibrant colors that represent our HBCUs? Then

it's time to **represent** and **reconnect**—right here at New Salem!

We're excited to launch the **New Salem HBCU Council** — a dynamic ministry arm created *for* HBCU grads, *by* HBCU grads! This is your chance to be part of a movement that honors our rich legacy while paving the way for the next generation of HBCU scholars and leaders.

What the HBCU Council Will Do:

- **Connect and empower** HBCU graduates within our congregation.
- **Inspire and support** students who are dreaming of attending an HBCU.
- **Champion** our beloved institutions through local and national advocacy.
- **Celebrate** HBCU culture and pride right here in the life of New Salem!

Our Objectives:

- Identify and engage all New Salem HBCU alumni—yes, that means YOU!
- Increase awareness and access to HBCU options for our youth and families.
- Provide mentorship, scholarships, and essential resources for HBCU-bound students.
- Host **year-round events and initiatives** to elevate, educate, and celebrate our HBCU heritage.

Whether you graduated from Howard, Spelman, Morehouse, North Carolina A&T, Central State, or any of the incredible HBCUs across the nation — **this is your call to action**. Your journey matters, and your presence can ignite purpose in the lives of future HBCU legends. **Sign up today and become a founding member** of the New Salem HBCU Council. Let's lift every voice, raise every banner, and keep the legacy alive! Join us on **Sunday, June 29th at 8:00 am** at Corinthian Baptist Church prior to worship service. **For more information or to join, contact the Pastoral office at: jbrewton@newsalemcare.com or call 614 930-2204.**

#NewSalemHBCUPride #HBCUAlumniUnite #LegacyBuilders

**June 14th marks the 50th Wedding Anniversary
of Pastor and Min. Troy**



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Celebrating 50 years of love, commitment, and faith, Pastor Keith and Minister Brenda Troy have reached an extraordinary milestone in their journey together. Their union is a testament to the enduring power of partnership and the strength that comes from unwavering dedication to each other and the community they serve.

Over the decades, Pastor and Min. Troy have not only built a legacy of love within their family but have also inspired countless individuals with their wisdom, compassion, and leadership. Through challenges and triumphs, their bond has remained a shining example of what it means to live in harmony and devotion, guided by faith. This golden anniversary is not just a celebration of their marriage but also an acknowledgment of the countless lives they've touched and the positive impact they've had on this congregation and beyond. As they embark on this next chapter, their story serves as a beacon of hope and encouragement for all those aspiring to build lasting relationships rooted in mutual respect, love, and shared purpose.

Let us honor Pastor and Min. Troy by celebrating this momentous occasion and extending heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering commitment to love and service. Here's to the next season of joy and blessings in their remarkable journey! (Ecclesiastes 4:12) Happy Anniversary Blessings

A graphic with a background of green leaves and white flowers. The text "New Salem Hospitalization & Bereavement Line" is written in a large, black, serif font. To the right of the text is a medical symbol (Rod of Asclepius). Below the text, it says "To report a hospitalization or death in the family, contact the church, at **614 554-6417** or email us at **crt@newsalemmares.com**". In the bottom right corner is a small logo for New Salem.

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This is an important reminder to all New Salem Members. If you need to report a hospitalization or death to the church, please call **614 554-6417** or email [**crt@newsalemmares.com**](mailto:crt@newsalemmares.com).

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