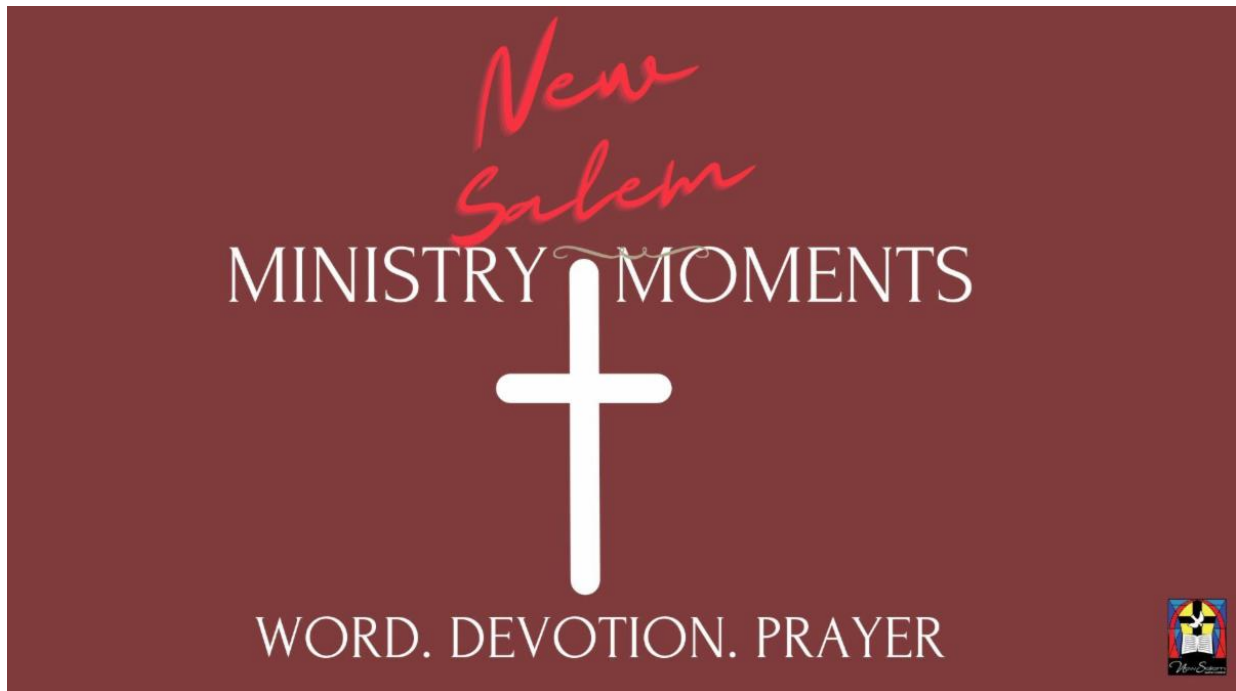




## Ministry Moments



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### A Reflection on Sermon "Overdue Blessings"

Min. Melody Malone Bogan

God had shown kindness to us all with overdue blessings. Dr. Lowe preached with power! "Even me..." still echoes in my mind because each of us who proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior has access to His blessings. And while life can throw some curveballs, with God, we'll make our way around the bases and slide into the home plate of overdue blessings! I pause and give thanks for one of the most incredible seasons in my life as a teenager, watching my Daddy fight his way back to sobriety during the height of the crack-cocaine epidemic in the late 1990s. I turned my young heart off, knowing God was real, but being so disappointed by life, I simply wanted to make good grades so my Mommy would have at least one thing to smile about. Psalm 73:21-23, NIV describes my disposition perfectly, "21 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, 22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. 23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand."

The overdue blessing came years later when my dad walked down the aisle as I led a

song called "God Specializes." The lyrics were not lost upon me, even as a teenager. "He [God] can do anything but fail." And while my dad lived a wonderful, long life until his sudden passing at age 69, he experienced the incredible blessing of nearly 30 years sober. His life bore great fruit for the ministry in the pulpit and my hometown neighborhood, a food desert supplying fresh fruit and vegetables. And as his daughter, I experience the overdue blessings of an angry teen, who walked in forgiveness and experienced a whole, healed Dad who loved and cherished me as an adult. Overdue blessings aren't just for us. They are to be shared to inspire others who feel their situation is "impossible." I pray that God reminds you even now that nothing is too hard for Him and may His perfect and Holy will be done in your life. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

*Review Sermon Overdue Blessings on New Salem YouTube, April 27,2025*

**Review Sermon "Overdue Blessings"**

## Church Anniversary Weekend THIS WEEKEND



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



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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:

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

Please scan the QR codes, or click on the link below.

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**Volunteer Education Coordinators**

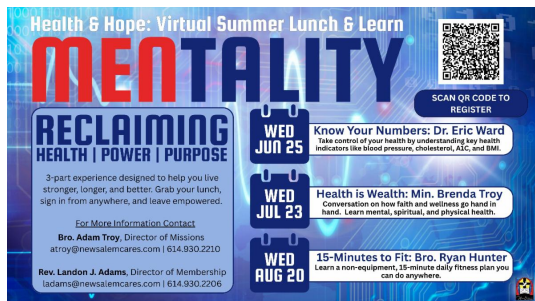
**Music Ministry Rehearsals for June**



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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@newsalemcare.com](mailto:mlowe@newsalemcare.com) or call her at 614 930-2242 to serve.

## 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](mailto:atroy@newsalemcare.com) or Rev. Landon Adams, Director of Membership, at [ladams@newsalemcare.com](mailto:ladams@newsalemcare.com).

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

## Volunteer for the Food Pantry



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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 newsletter or just come to 1880 Agler Rd and we'll welcome you there! If you have any questions, please email Adam Troy at [atroy@newsalemcare.com](mailto:atroy@newsalemcare.com).

## Coffee in the Park kicks off June 28<sup>th</sup>



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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 connection and community!

## 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, calling the Pastoral Office at (614)930-2204 or emailing

## Join the Run/Walk Club

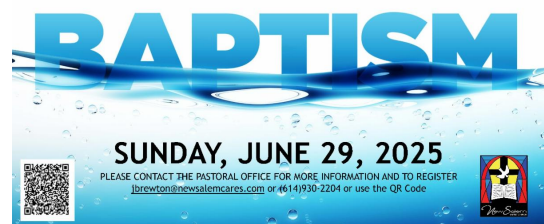


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The Summer Run/Walk Club is in motion. Join us each Saturday at 7:30am until August 2nd at various locations citywide. All levels of walkers and runners are welcome to come and fellowship! Scan the QR code or click the link to sign the participation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

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## Baptism



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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 29<sup>th</sup>** at **8:00 am** at Corinthian Baptist Church prior to worship service.

For more information or to join, contact the Pastoral office at: [jbrewton@newsalemmares.com](mailto:jbrewton@newsalemmares.com) or call 614 930-2204.

**#NewSalemHBCUPride #HBCUAlumniUnite #LegacyBuilders**



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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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## Worship Recap

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