

# THE DOVE



Salem Baptist District Association • Dr. Reginald E. Bachus – Moderator

*"Many Members,  
One Body:  
Working Together,  
Advancing God's  
Kingdom"*

## Parent Body

Dr. Stephen J. Thurston  
**Moderator-At-Large**  
New Covenant Baptist Church

Reverend Clifford Spears  
**1st Vice Moderator**  
St. Michael Baptist Church

Reverend Stanley Miller  
**2nd Vice Moderator**  
Kendrick Memorial Baptist Church

Dr. Charles E. Gordon  
**3rd Vice Moderator**  
Covenant Chapel Baptist Church

Reverend Michael Jones  
**4th Vice Moderator**  
St. Titus One Baptist Church

Reverend Scott Onque'  
**Treasurer**  
St. Luke Baptist Church

Mrs. Patricia Washington  
**General Secretary**  
Providence Baptist Church  
sbdageneralsec@gmail.com

Ms. Janet D. Jamieson  
**Corresponding Secretary**  
Friendship Baptist Church

Dr. Derrick Garth  
**Financial Secretary**  
Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

## In Memoriam



## Pastor Clifford J. Spears

SALEM BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION  
SEPTEMBER MONTHLY SESSION  
September 21 - 22, 2020

Via ZOOM

Zoom Meeting ID: 735 380 7482 • Passcode: Salem

### Monday Evening

- 7:00 pm – Auxiliary Meetings
  - 8:00 pm – Worship Experience
- Speaker: Dr. Derrick Garth, Pastor of Greater Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

### Tuesday Morning

- 10:00 am – Woman's Auxiliary Meeting
- Speaker: First Lady Mattie Barnes – "A Change Gonna Come"

### Tuesday Evening

- 7:00 pm – Congress Classes
  - 8:00 pm – Worship Experience
- Speaker: Reverend Ronald Boyd, Bethlehem Unity Baptist Church

*The Dove* is a publication of the Salem Baptist District Association. All material submissions are due by the 1st of each month. Articles/information should be submitted electronically to [gotsomeinfo121@gmail.com](mailto:gotsomeinfo121@gmail.com). All articles are subject to the approval of Moderator Bachus.

**"The District That Advocates Peace"**

5200 West Jackson Boulevard • Chicago, IL 60644 • [salembaptistdistrict.org](http://salembaptistdistrict.org) • [moderator@salembaptistdistrict.org](mailto:moderator@salembaptistdistrict.org)

## A Word From the Moderator

Greetings in the Matchless Name of our Lord and Savior!

I pray that each of you are doing well and staying safe. This is an unprecedented time for all of us, but with the Lord's help and the power of concerted prayer we will survive and be stronger on the other side of this test.

Our hearts are saddened by the homegoing of our 1st Vice Moderator, our friend and our brother – Reverend Dr. Clifford Spears. Finding the right words are difficult at this time for Reverend Spears was a faithful member, profound leader and a dedicated worker both in Salem District and Baptist General State Convention of Illinois. His easy smile, firm handshake and willingness to roll up his sleeves and go to work will all be missed along with his unwavering ability to share the word of God "in season and out of season". He will truly be missed. Please lift up his wife, Sister Sandra Spears, the entire Spears family, and the St. Michael Baptist Church in prayer during this difficult time. I offer the words found in John 14:1-3 *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."*

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, Salem District has determined that it is time to resume our monthly sessions on the Zoom platform. Beginning in September, we will meet on the Monday and Tuesday following the third Sunday each month. The September session agenda, meeting code and password are listed on page 1 of this publication. We look forward to your participation as we continue to move forward with the work that God has placed in our hands.

Our Congress will sponsor the first virtual Dr. Shelvin Jerome Hall Institute in October. Several classes will be offered along with annual addresses from the Dean and Congress President. More information will be provided shortly so please look for it in your email and our social media platforms. Mark your calendar and plan to attend as we endeavor to increase our knowledge of God's word.

Prayer is essential and so I continue to ask that each church, pastor and member of Salem join me in specific times of prayer as we pray for those that have been infected/affected with COVID-19, those who are caregivers, our front-line health professionals who continue to care for the sick, our nation's political leadership and most definitely for every pastor and congregation as we continue to move forward during this trying time. I am asking that we pray collectively at 8 a.m. each morning

and at 8 p.m. each evening, petitioning the Lord to heal the sick, protect our front-line health professionals, lead our political leadership with Godly wisdom and sustain His church during this trying time.

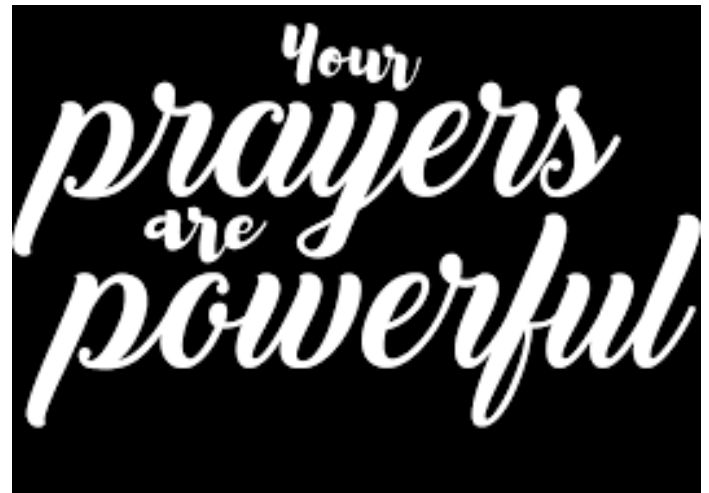
**As a District, we continue to need your financial support to sustain our efforts. Please remember to pay your representation fees for your CHURCH and AUXILIARY via GIVELIFY or by dropping a check in the mail to Treasurer Scott Onque at St. Luke Baptist Church, 7262 South Coles • Chicago, IL 60649 or my office – Friendship Baptist Church, 5200 West Jackson Boulevard • Chicago, IL 60644. Thank you in advance for your support.**

I pray that each one of you remain safe and if you need to contact me I can be reached at [rbachus@aol.com](mailto:rbachus@aol.com).

God has been good to Salem District! We are many members, but one body and working together, we can continue to advance God's Kingdom.

*Dr. Reginald E. Bachus*

Dr. Reginald E. Bachus, Moderator



*Thank You!*

Thank you for your kind words, your gifts and your generosity. Each expression of kindness and love was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Pauline Withers  
President, Ushers Auxiliary

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM SALEM DISTRICT

Salem District wants to stay in touch with YOU!!! We have worked hard to develop our Social Media and Email Communication platforms. Below are the guidelines for submitting information. We look forward to sharing information with each of our constituents. Please note the format for submitting info and submission deadlines.

Do you know someone who does not currently receive the *DOVE* or other electronic communications from Salem District? We want to stay in touch with all of our members. Please provide the name and email address for anyone that should be added to our distribution list and send it to:

Janet Jamieson - gotsomeinfo121@gmail  
Patricia Washington -- sbdageneralsec@gmail.com



**Salem Baptist District Association Social Media**

- 1 Pictures and Images**  
jpeg and png
- 2 Letters**  
WORD or PDF
- 3 Deadline Submissions**  
One - Two weeks prior to event
- 4 Contact Information**  
Dr. Maria J. McManus  
SBDASocialMedia@gmail.com  
773.841.3624

@SalemDistrictChicago @SalemDistrictChicago



**Salem Baptist District Association Email Communications**

**Pictures and Images**

All Pictures and Images should be submitted in the following formats:  
jpeg, png and pdf

**Letters**

All letters or notices should be submitted in WORD or PDF

**Submission Deadline**

The deadline for submitting information is 48 hours prior to the time that it should be published.

**Contact Information**

Janet D. Jamieson • gotsomeinfo121@gmail.com • 630.215.5439

**Staying Connected**

We want to stay in touch with all of our members. Please provide the name and email address for anyone that should be added to our distribution list and send it to:

Janet Jamieson - gotsomeinfo121@gmail  
Patricia Washington -- sbdageneralsec@gmail.com

*"The District That Advocates Peace"*

## Let's Stay In Touch!!

## Please Vote



Participating in elections is one of the key freedoms of American life. No matter what you believe or whom you support, it is important to exercise your rights. Contact Moderator Bachus if you need assistance getting to the polling place or turning in early voting ballots. Like never before, we need to VOTE!!