

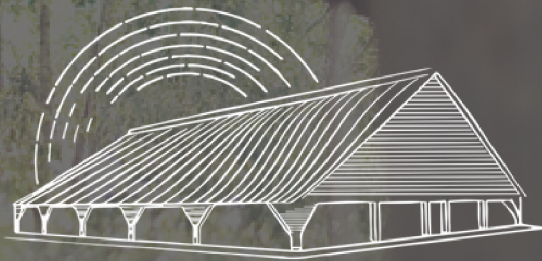
# 195<sup>TH</sup> SALEM CAMP MEETING

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MEETING JULY 14-21, 2023

SERVICES • 11AM & 7:30PM

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# DAILY SCHEDULE

## Friday, July 14

- 7:30pm** Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas  
Conyers First UMC Chancel  
Choir
- 9:00pm** Youth Activities

## Saturday, July 15

- 9:30am** Bobby & Karen Milton  
Wide World of Salem  
Sports
- 1:00pm** Guided Walking Tour of  
Salem (meet at hotel)
- 1:30pm** Tour of Tents (until 3:30)
- 3:30pm** Wide World of Sports  
Awards Ceremony
- 7:30pm** Rev. Dr. Leslie Holmes  
Zion Baptist Church  
Celebration Choir &  
Orchestra
- 9:00pm** Adult & Youth  
Activities

## Sunday, July 16

- 11:00am** Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas  
Conyers Seventh Day  
Adventist Church Choir
- 7:30pm** Rev. Dr. Leslie Holmes  
Conyers First Baptist Church,  
Jubal's Hound Ensemble  
(Gospel Blue Grass)
- 9:00pm** Youth Activities

## Monday, July 17

- 7:30am** Morning Watch
- 9:30am** Classes for all ages
- 11:00am** Rev. Dr. Leslie Holmes  
Covington First UMC &  
Covington First Presbyterian  
Church Singing Ambassadors
- 7:30pm** Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas  
Chancel Choir from Covington  
First Presbyterian Church
- 9:00pm** Adult & Youth Activities

## Tuesday, July 18

- 7:30am** Morning Watch
- 9:30am** Classes for all ages
- 11:00am** Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas  
Rockdale Baptist Church  
Joyful Senior Saints
- 7:30pm** Rev. Dr. Leslie Holmes  
Peek's Chapel Baptist  
Church Choir
- 9:00pm** Youth Activities

## Wednesday, July 19

- 7:30am** Morning Watch
- 9:30am** Classes for all ages
- 11:00am** Rev. Dr. Leslie Holmes  
Smyrna First UMC  
Youth Choir
- 7:30pm** Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas  
Community Fellowship  
Baptist Church  
Worship & Praise Team
- 9:00pm** Annual Talent Show

## Thursday, July 20

- 7:30am** Morning Watch
- 9:30am** Classes for all ages
- 11:00am** Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas  
Oak Grove UMC  
Intergenerational Choir
- 7:30pm** Rev. Dr. Leslie Holmes  
Chancel Choir from Covington  
First UMC
- 9:00pm** Slideshow

## Friday, July 21

- 7:30am** Morning Watch
- 9:30am** Classes for all ages
- 11:00am** Rev. Dr. Leslie Holmes  
Salem Children & Youth Choir
- 7:30pm** Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas  
Zion Baptist Church Jubilee  
Choir & Orchestra
- 9:00pm** Light Parade &  
Holy Communion

## CLASSES

Monday through Friday classes for all ages are held at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds. Please see the separate youth program for more information.

- NURSERY
- 3 & 4-YEAR-OLDS
- BEGINNING KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE
- BEGINNING 2ND & 3RD GRADE
- BEGINNING 4TH & 5TH GRADE
- MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL
- ADULTS

## JOIN US FOR A MEAL

Join us at the historic Salem Hotel for breakfast at 8:00am, lunch at 12:30pm, or dinner at 6:00pm! Our 80 seat dining room is the perfect place for individuals to make new friends and for groups to fellowship together.

Adult Meals Prices: \$10 Breakfast, \$14 Lunch, \$17 Dinner  
Kids Meal Prices (2 & under eat free): \$7 Breakfast, \$9 Lunch, \$11 Dinner

Reservations are required and can be made on our website or by calling 770.786.6841.

## CAMP MEETING LEADERS



### Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas

#### PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Byron Thomas is the District Superintendent of the Central South District in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. His district covers DeKalb, Henry, Newton, and Rockdale Counties. He has served as a senior pastor at Ben Hill UMC and Central UMC in Atlanta, as well as in various leadership roles in the North Georgia Conference and the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Rev. Dr. Thomas is a veteran of the United States Air Force and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Philosophy from Virginia Union University, a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at SMU, and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Preaching from McCormick Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. Thomas has been awarded the Malone Dodson Award given by the Foundation of Wesley Woods to a clergyperson who best exemplifies visionary and committed leadership with respect to older adults. He is married to DuWanna and they have two sons.



### Alice Walker & Becky Ramsey

#### DUO-PIANISTS

Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey, identical twins, are originally from Atlanta. They both hold BA degrees from Agnes Scott College, and have earned two certifications from the American Guild of Organists, Colleague and Associate (CAGO). Playing duets together since the age of five, they have been pianists at Salem Campground since 1971.

Alice is Organist and Director of the Ambassador Choir and Handbell Choir at First Presbyterian Church, Covington, where she is also Moderator of Presbyterian Women.

Becky is Director of Music for Seniors at Covington First United Methodist Church, Director of Spiritual Growth for United Women of Faith, and Sunday school teacher for adults.

Alice and Becky are Co-Founders and Co-Directors of the Singing Ambassadors Choir of Covington.



### Rev. Dr. Leslie Holmes

#### PREACHER

Dr. Leslie Holmes is the current Pastor of Thomson Presbyterian Church and former Provost & Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Theology at Erskine Theological Seminary. Dr. Holmes also served as past Moderator of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He has over 40 years of experience as a pastor, leading congregations ranging from 30 to 4,300 members in several US states. Dr. Holmes is also an accomplished brass player, having been a professional trumpeter before becoming a pastor. He sometimes plays in worship services.

Dr. Holmes holds a BA from the University of Mobile, M. Div from Reformed Theological Seminary, D. Min from Columbia Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. from Ecole Supérieure Sorbonne. He has also been awarded an honorary LLD from Grove City College. He and his wife, Barbara, emigrated from Northern Ireland to the US in 1967 and have two children and two granddaughters.



### Shannon Tidwell

#### YOUTH DIRECTOR

Shannon is very excited to be back for her second year as youth director! Outside of Salem, she works full-time in the telecommunications and mobile networking industry, is a wife and mother, and loves the outdoors. Shannon has been serving in children's and youth ministry for eight years at Clear Creek Church of Christ, where she has been a member for over 20 years. Her passion for working with youth has taken her on many different paths in and out of ministry: Camp Counselor, Worship Leader, Bible study teacher, Girl Scout Troop leader, life skills coach, soccer coach, Junior Achievement tutoring, and even substitute teaching. But what she finds most rewarding is seeing those she has worked with come to know Jesus.



### Mr. Thomas Roberts

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR & PLATFORM LEADER

Mr. Roberts has been our music director and platform leader since 1989. He serves as an Environmental Consultant and owns and operates recycling companies in Florida. Mr. Roberts has also served as full-time director of music in United Methodist and Presbyterian churches from 1966 to 1992. He and his wife, Susan, served as the directors of the Chancel Choir at Christ Church United Methodist in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, from 1998 to 2007. During the fall of 2009 through January 2010, Tom served as Interim Director of the Chancel Choir of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Tom and Susan reside in Coral Springs, Florida and are members of Coral Springs FUMC. Their daughter Catherine, her husband Michael Givens and grandson Thomas Drake (T.D.) live across the street.



### Josh Reaves

#### YOUTH DIRECTOR

Josh is the founder of Rise2Life, a ministry that is passionate about revolutionizing the way we view gaming as a ministry vehicle. Through innovation and transformative experiences, Rise2Life empowers young people to discover their purpose and identity in Jesus. This summer they launched the first ever Esports League that combines Faith, Community, and Gaming. Josh has been in and around youth ministry for the last 14 years. He is married to Rebecca Reaves and they have two beautiful children: Maverick and Nova.



## THE HOTEL

The hotel on the campground features 22 rooms, an impressive lobby, and an 80 seat dining room. Meals are served daily at 8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 6:00pm. Reservations for rooms or meals at the hotel are required in advance. To make a reservation, please call 770-786-6841 or visit [sailemcampmeeting.org](http://sailemcampmeeting.org).

Adult Meals:  
\$10 Breakfast, \$14 Lunch, \$17 Dinner

Kids Meals:  
\$7 Breakfast, \$9 Lunch, \$11 Dinner

## THE GROUNDS

The campground is available during the year for a variety of purposes: weddings, family reunions, festivals, retreats, and more! To learn more about using our facilities throughout the year, please contact us.

Recreational vehicle (RV) full hook-ups are available during campmeeting and year round for group retreats and family reunions.

The Ramsey Pavilion, which seats 130 and features regulation-size shuffleboards, can be reserved for church picnics during campmeeting at no additional charge and during the year for a small fee.

The new Bill and Patricia Rogers Spiritual Life Center is also available for rent throughout the year.

## HISTORY

Camp meetings, originating in Kentucky in 1800, are a distinctly American contribution to the history of Protestantism. Salem, one of the country's oldest camp meetings, has been held in some form every year since 1828 except during the Civil War. Campers originally slept in or under their wagons and some used wagon sheets as tents. For generations, Salem has welcomed some of the world's finest preachers, and their photographs are on display in the hotel lobby. The entire Campground was put on the National Historic Register in 1998.



## SUPPORT OF SALEM

Salem is supported financially by the gifts of those whose lives have been impacted by God through its annual gatherings. All gifts are tax deductible.

If you would like to give to Salem, you can give during the worship services, by mailing a check (PO Box 243, Conyers, GA 30012), or online:

[SALEMCAMPMEETING.ORG/GIVE](http://SALEMCAMPMEETING.ORG/GIVE)

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One special way to give is to designate your gift to The Salem Endowment Fund. Gifts to this fund are invested and only the interest is used for upkeep and capital improvements. Gifts to the Endowment Fund of \$1000 or more may be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one (one person or couple per \$1000 gift).

### 2022 - 2023 ENDOWMENT GIFTS

- Lavinia A. Griffin in memory of John B. Griffin Jr. MD
- Jimmy and Rose Head in memory of Kathryn Head
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- L. J. Rodriguez in memory of Norman Franklin
- Tom and Susan Roberts in honor of Becky Ramsey & Alice Walker
- David and Cassandra Henderson in memory of Benny Potts
- Tom and Kelly Elliott in memory of Agnes Elliott
- The Howard and Sallade Families in memory of Agnes Elliott
- Tom and Susan Roberts in memory of Donald Roberts
- Jackson & Brittney Huckaby in honor of Bennett Hayes Huckaby
- Joanna and Joe McDonald in memory of Chris Brown

The entire list of Endowment gifts and gifts in honor of and in memory of loved ones is available at [www.salemcampmeeting.org](http://www.salemcampmeeting.org).

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