

Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

January 13, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought From Pastor Moss



The church is more like a family than a business. But the church, like a family, HAS business that it must conduct. All of us who are a part of the church family have the opportunity to participate in the various forms of our congregation's business. It's one of our privileges as well as our responsibility.

Our congregation is served by an excellent Board of Elders who partner with the staff in looking after the many business concerns of our congregation. It's my honor to serve alongside the capable members of our staff and the bright minds of our Board of Elders as we conduct and give oversight to the financial and administrative concerns of the business of our church.

Once each year, in January, we invite our church family to participate in a business meeting. We review the progress and successes of the ministry over the past year, and are asked to approve the rotation of leadership and the business plan for the future.

Usually we meet on a Sunday evening for a fellowship dinner followed by the business meeting. This year, due to the launch of the Financial Peace University classes on Sunday evenings, we will do something different.

We are inviting you to an informational meeting on Wednesday night, January 18th at 6:30pm in the chapel. In this meeting we will present all the details of the past year and the rationale for the 2012 budget. No voting will take place at this meeting, but it will be a great opportunity to understand the business workings of this big family called Salem.

Then, following the worship service on January 29th, we will briefly pause as visitors and those who have other appointments are dismissed, and we will conduct a brief business meeting and cast our ballots.

We have so much to celebrate! 2011 was a great year for Salem. There's a lot of good news and we are eager to share it. Please take the opportunity to attend the informational meeting and the upcoming business meeting. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can click on a link to read the annual report.

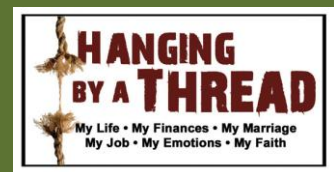
See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

Salem Offers Online Giving

Your partnership in the ongoing ministry of Salem Church of God has never been more important or more simple. You can now make financial contributions to Salem through our secure online system. For more info or to make a contribution you can visit our secure web page by [clicking here](#).

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Join us this Sunday for Hanging By A Thread

Perhaps you are one of those who feel that you are just hanging by a thread in your ability to cope with the challenges of life. This sermon series is for you! Pastor Moss is bringing helpful Biblical truth to show us hope and the power to persevere. *Invite a friend and join us!*



Share a meal, share your heart with OneHeart

One Heart outreach ministry works to build relationships with women in the adult entertainment industry. Each Wednesday, a team provides a meal when they visit the club. It's an effective way to open the door to conversation and demonstrate the unconditional love of Jesus



Start off 2012 with Financial Peace University!

Financial Peace University teaches families how to get out of debt and stay out of debt. Each weekly class involves watching a video lesson and participating in a discussion group (no personal information divulged). Enrollment fee is \$100 per household. Complete \$100 can be paid or you can break it down and pay \$50 at the time of registration and \$50 at the end of the class. Some scholarships are available. This fee covers cost of the required kit which includes: workbook, CD library, budgeting forms, book and cash management envelope system.

Financial Peace Alumni remember you can participate in these classes without paying again, but you do need to sign up. Interested in providing a scholarship for someone? Stop by the table in the lobby or contact Missy at ext. 100 or info@salemchurch.org.

Sundays, Jan 22 - April 22, 6-8 p.m., Mondays, Jan 23 - April 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, January 25 - April 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Childcare (birth-6th grade) offered on Sundays and Mondays.

Annual Business Meeting

Informational meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m., Chapel

Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 29 after the 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

[Click here to read the Annual Report.](#)

Reports and absentee ballots are also available at the Welcome and Information Center this Sunday. All absentee ballots need to be turned in by Friday, January 27.



Christ. We offer a casserole, rolls, salad and dessert for 10-12. If you're interested in providing any of these items occasionally, contact [Renee](#) at 771-0268.

Empty Nester Game Night

February 4, Room 106

February is just around the corner and so is the Empty Nester Game Night. Join us for an evening of fun and games ... you might even win a prize! Sign-ups begin Sunday in the lobby (through the January 29). So, Empty Nesters, get those games ready, along with your favorite soup, salad, dessert or ??? and, plan to be with us! Contact Steve & Kathie at 937-583-5003 for questions.



Did you miss the sermon last Sunday?

[Click here to listen online!](#)

Ladies ...More Than a "Book Club"

Wednesdays beginning January 18, 6:30 p.m., Room 402-Ladies...join us on Wednesday evenings for a discussion of Lysa TerKeurst's book, "Made to Crave: Satisfying Your Deepest Desire with God, Not Food." Wear comfortable clothing as we will embark on a chapter by chapter discussion of the book, learn from Lysa through a DVD, explore good food choices and get ourselves moving with some light exercise! All ladies are welcome! Book required \$16 (check the Community Center or order on your own). Class facilitator: Lori Thomas. Contact [Missy](#) at ext. 100.

Women to Women

Sundays, 9:15-10:15, Room 402-Join other women on a journey through the book of James, "James: Mercy Triumphs." In this insightful study by Beth Moore, we'll explore the concepts of joy, hardship, faith, wisdom, single-mindedness, the tongue, humility, and prayer. A great opportunity to grow in your faith and build friendships. Books available in class for \$15. Contact [Missy](#) at ext. 100.

IYC Spaghetti Dinner- Mark your calendar!

Sunday, February 12, immediately following service, Gathering Place-Join us for a spaghetti dinner in the Gathering Place. The youth will be serving their guests as they raise funds for their "International Youth Convention" trip in July. No reservations are needed. We asking for donations of spaghetti noodles and Prego traditional sauce. These donations can be dropped off in the church office. This will be a free-will donation at the door. For more info, contact [Craig](#) at ext. 112.

New to Salem? Join us for the Welcome to Salem lunch

February 5, 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Gathering Place, Childcare provided after lunch Are you new to Salem Church of God? If so, we invite you to attend our Welcome to Salem luncheon. Our pastor and director staff team would love to meet you! Please join us as we share the basic information about our church, our staff, our ministries, and the way we provide care to our congregation. For more info, contact [Alisa](#) at ext. 123.

Mpact Overnight

Friday, January 20-On January 20, there will be an overnigher for the Mpact girls, 3rd - 6th grade from 7p.m. to Saturday morning at 9a.m. There will be snacks, games, and activities. Bring a friend! Sign up in your Mpact class. Contact [Jody](#) for any questions at ext. 111.

Children's Ministry Serving Teams

Planning is beginning for "Journey to the Cross" and "VBS," if you are interested in serving on either team, contact [Jody](#) at ext. 111.

Child Dedication

Orientation, Sun., Jan. 22, 9:15 a.m., Room 106, Dedication, Sun, Feb. 12, 10:30a.m. The dedication of young children is an important observation in the Salem family. Parents considering child dedication are invited to attend a time of instruction, fellowship, and orientation on Sunday morning, January 22, at 9:15 a.m. in room 106. To register or for more info, please contact Craig at ext. 836-6500, x112 or c.denise@salemchurch.org.

Sewing For Jesus

Resumes Jan. 23

Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Room 310

We invite you to join us in this Outreach ministry as we make flannel baby blankets for God's needy babies. All materials are furnished. We need sewers and cutters. Sewers, please bring your machine. If you do not have a machine, we have extras to use. If you don't know how to sew we will teach you. Enter Door 3 or Door 8 (back of church). Contact Barb at 832-6348 or sewingforjesus@yahoo.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry Date Change

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team will meet Thursday, January 19 (rather than Jan 12) from 6-8 p.m. in room 310 (come in Door #8). If you are interested in working on hats rather than prayer shawls, remember to bring you Knifty Knitter loom.

Giving

Offering 1/8/12:
\$41,249.37



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If you have a medical emergency and need to contact a staff person after office hours call 937-474-9753.

