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This Week at Salem Church of God

January 20, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought From Pastor Moss



Are you in charge?

Several years ago I led a pastoral retreat in Michigan. I opened the first session by giving each pastor a paper with the following words across the top: "If I was in charge..."

I asked each of the pastors to take some time to go to a secluded place to reflect and make a list of things they would do if they felt empowered to lead the church they were serving. They had two hours in which to write and complete their assignment.

The discussion in the reporting session was insightful and, at times, animated. I learned a lot about these pastors by listening to their responses. It was enlightening to see how these pastors, in positions of leadership, did not feel like they were "in charge."

What if the question were posed to you? What would you do if you were really in charge of your situation or your environment? How would things be different? What plans would you make? What goals would you accomplish?

Most people just don't think that they are in charge. In one way, few of us are really in charge of the circumstances in our lives. Some things happen to us that are out of our control. However, one thing we will always be in charge of is our ATTITUDE. You get to choose your attitude!

In a life time of working with, and serving people, I've noticed that a person's attitude is the single greatest contributor to his or her contentment in life. And each one of us gets to choose!

It is a blessing to me to serve a congregation that consists of so many positive, enthusiastic people. Attitudes really are contagious. Is yours worth catching?

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."
Philippians 2:3-8 (NLT)

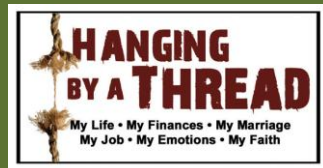
See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

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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 evening, a



Start off 2012 with Financial Peace University!

Are your bills overwhelming you? Are you looking for some peace when it comes to your finances? Is there a young couple in your life that you would like to mentor? 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 a 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.

Join us for this life-changing class!
Sundays, January 22 - April 22, 6-8 p.m.
Mondays, January 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.
[Registration in the lobby. Or click here to register online!](#)

Annual Business Meeting

**Sunday, January 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.



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 Christ. We offer a casserole, rolls, salad and dessert for 10-12. If you're interested in providing any of these items on an occasional basis, 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.

IYC Spaghetti Dinner- Mark your calendar!

Sunday, February 12, immediately following service, Gym- 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.

Are you new to Salem?

Join us for the Welcome to Salem luncheon!

February 5, 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m., 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.

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 on January 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

Giving

Weekly Need: \$34,815

**Offering 1/16/12:
 \$29,304.54**



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