

Experiencing the transforming love of Jesus
Expressing that love to others

Salem Happenings

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Welcome ... We are glad you have chosen to join us for worship today. Please take a moment during your visit to complete a Communication Card found in the pews. If you have any questions, stop by the Welcome Center, contact us at info@salemchurch.org or 937-836-6500. We look forward to getting to know you better as we support and encourage each other in our spiritual journeys!

Curious how to get connected?

- There are many ways to receive information from Salem...
- Email info@salemchurch.org to receive our weekly e-newsletter.
 - Check out our website at www.SalemChurch.org.
 - Pick up a Salem Connection located in the information racks.



January 25, 2013



Let us introduce you to Salem...

We invite you to stop by the NEXT Place, which is located in the main lobby.

**What is NEXT?
A place ...**

To connect with the pastoral staff

For staff to connect with guests

That informs guests about Salem

To make your first step

To connect to a Life Group

Building Tour

Sunday, February 3

Immediately following first and second service, meet in the NEXT Place

Join us after the service for a tour of the building! We know that understanding how to navigate the church campus goes a long way in helping you feel comfortable at Salem. Additionally, this is a great way to find out about the classes, events, and ministries of this church. If you are interested in knowing more about Salem or have any questions concerning the programs we offer, contact [Alisa Harkless](mailto:AlisaHarkless@SalemChurch.org) at 836-6500, ext. 123.

A Night of Worship

Tonight January 27, 6:30 p.m., Worship Center

The Salem Worship Center will resonate with voices and instruments singing favorite worship songs, hymns and choruses. In this first-of-its kind gathering, the Salem Worship Choir and praise teams will lead, accompanied by the Salem Praise Band.

Join us for an hour of coming together with no other

agenda than to sing, praise and worship our Creator-Father God, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit through the collective hearts, instruments and voices of the gathered people. This evening is open to all, is free and not ticketed, and no offering will be taken. There will be no childcare available. Dress is casual.

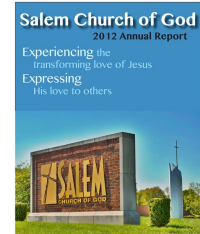


Annual Business Meeting

Today, January 27, Voting immediately following each worship service

Today, Sunday, January 27, we will vote for the 2013 budget, incoming elders and 2 leadership committee members. **Please register at the table in the lobby and pick up your ballot BEFORE service begins. Ballots will not be handed out during the meeting.**

The Salem Church of God 2012 Annual Report is available at the Welcome Center or on at SalemChurch.org / About Salem / Annual Report.



If you could ask God one question, what would you ask?

THE ALPHA COURSE

March 4 - May 20, at Salem Church of God

Alpha gives everyone the opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course will meet once a week for 10 weeks.

Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a lesson and short discussion. Topics each week will include: Why did Jesus die? How do I pray? Why should I read the Bible? How does God guide us? Does God heal today?

Most of us skip bases in developing our faith, leaving us plagued with unanswered questions.

The Alpha Course fills the gaps.

Get the answers to your questions, register today!



Empty Nesters Game Night

Saturday, February 9,
5:00 - 8:00 pm, Room 106

Whether it's a game of Catch Phrase or Sequence, you can find it being enjoyed by a table full of Empty Nesters at their annual game night. If you've been there before, or if you're new to Salem, we invite you to spend the evening with us. Bring your favorite board game, a soup, salad or dessert and a snack to be shared. Drinks and tableware are provided. Since this is the time of the year that many folks start to de-clutter, we ask you to bring along a white elephant gift to be used during the evening. Contact Steve or Kathie Troehler at 583-5003. Stop by our table in the lobby.

Giving: Weekly Need - \$32,780

Offering 1/20/13 -
\$31,074.83

Dayton Area Church Trapshooting League

Salem is invited to enter a five-person team (men, women, youth) in the Dayton Area Church Trapshooting League. Join as a regular or as an alternate. The league begins April 4 (Thursdays) and runs for 12 weeks. The cost is \$9 per person each week, plus shells. Salem's scheduled time is 5:30-6 p.m. at the Wood Brook Gun Club in Trotwood. Any youth under the age of 18 will need a parent to stay for the half hour time. Anyone interested in building a team or joining as an alternate, contact M.J. Longstreth at 470-0994 or email at Musratjack@roadrunner.com

Check it out! SalemChurch.org

Click on the "get connected" tab and scroll through the different areas. Listen online to teachings, submit a prayer request and more!

Calling all moms with children who are elementary age or younger!

Meet the new children's pastor and his family

Join us at the Mom-to-Mom class Wednesday evening

Wednesday, January 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 417

Seeking encouragement and support in the journey of motherhood? Whether you're a new mom or navigating the elementary school years, this is a night designed just for you! It's a casual 90 minutes to connect with other women walking in your shoes. Your children will be well cared for during our time together in the children's ministry areas.

Marriage Oneness

Beginning February 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Room 106-The Marriage Oneness series is developed for married couples - especially young married couples - to help them create a meaningful and satisfying closeness in their relationship that will last a lifetime. This series is offered in eight sessions, starting February 6 and ending March 27. Childcare will be available. Contact [Betty Scheibly](mailto:Betty.Scheibly) at ext 104.

Remembering Your Sweetheart Luncheon

Sat., Feb. 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Coldwater Café, 19 East Main Street, Tipp City
Honor your love story at this sweetheart luncheon. Bring a photograph, share a story, find encouragement and support along with others who are grieving the loss of a loved one. RSVP required by February 4 to Tom Kehr at 937-299-5379 or Thomas.kehr@vitas.com.

An Evening of Love & Compassion

February 14, 6:30 p.m., The Manor House, Mason, Ohio

Did you have the opportunity to plan for Valentine's Day yet? We want to help you experience and express God's love and help support a ministry that is showing the love of Christ to many souls around the world. Join us at the Caring Partners International Gala dinner on February 14, at 6:30 pm. This event will take place at the Manor House in Mason, OH. Lisa Ward, one of Salem's missions' leaders, will be sharing during the program. For more information, contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org.



Heart for Lebanon Mission Trip 2013

Empowered Personnel Only

If you feel EMPOWERED, meet us at one of the Lobby tables to give you the full details and videos about the upcoming Heart for Lebanon Mission trip. We need you to prayerfully consider making a difference in the lives of Refugees, Bedouins, and Gypsies. We want to make a difference in your life when you walk where Jesus and Paul walked! **Sign Up NOW!** For more information, contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org.



Weekend to Remember

March 1-3, Dayton or March 8-10, Cincinnati

This Getaway Weekend is a time to be together as a couple, to invest in and strengthen the foundation of your marriage. By getting away from the distractions of life, you can fortify your most important relationship. Join us March 1-3 at the Dayton Marriott or March 8-10 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. Special Group Rate through January 27, \$75/person or \$150 couple. This amount is \$30 off the regular group rate of \$180/couple. Use code HOYING. Contact Sherry Hoying at 836-4070 or jashoying@aol.com. Visit the table in the lobby to sign-up.

Men's Conference - "Fight Like a Man"

Friday March 15 & Saturday, March 16, Salem Church gym

We are excited to host Todd Braschler, a nationally known leader in men's conferences! Braschler will join us as our guest speaker at our men's retreat here at Salem this March. We will look at questions like: How do I lead my family in a world that is going crazy? Am I a man that God would bless? If God has a vision for me, how can I find out what it is? Registration for this event is coming soon! Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to this one of a kind weekend. Contact mensministry@salemchurch.org or Craig at ext. 112.



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

