

# Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

January 27, 2012

## Not A Sermon, Just A Thought From Pastor Moss



What are your assumptions? Most of us make decisions based on our assumptions. Our assumptions are usually produced by our life experiences. One thing is certain. People feel strongly about their assumptions and can become agitated when something challenges what they believe to be true.

Your assumptions are those things that you believe to be true or factual even in the absence of concrete evidence. These assumptions are taken for granted as being self-evident truths, yet they have been built upon your subjective experiences.

In pastoral ministry, I find that my own assumptions are frequently challenged. For instance, in preparing a sermon for Sunday worship, it's easy to work by the assumption that those who attend the service have a basic understanding of the Bible. Close examination reveals, however, that the belief system of most American Christians has been influenced more by the secular culture than by careful study of scripture.

On Sunday I will continue teaching in the series entitled **Hanging by a Thread**. I will be talking about what to do when you feel like you are barely hanging on in your job. I plan to challenge some of your assumptions about your job and your identity.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss

## Annual Business Meeting This Sunday

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

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

This Sunday we will be having our Annual Business Meeting immediately following the Worship Service. Please be sure to stop by the tables in the lobby to pick up ballots and register to vote **prior to the Worship Service**. Thank you!



## 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](#).

### Quick Links:

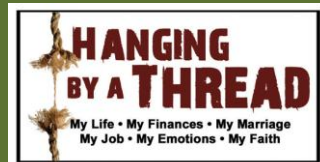
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## Join us this Sunday for Hanging By A Thread

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!*

## 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!

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Contact Steve & Kathie at 937-583-5003 for questions.

## Upcoming Classes and Events

### Are you new to Salem?

#### Join us for the Welcome to Salem luncheon!

**Sunday, February 5, 11:45 a.m. - 2:00 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.

### Recommended first step for new people... Starting Point...let the journey begin!

**Thirteen weeks beginning February 12, 9:15 -10:15 a.m., Room 106**

This class will equip you with a better understanding of the Church of God movement, find out who Salem is and introduce you to the five Biblical purposes that will give you a taste of the life God created you to live. We will assist you in discovering your gifts and talents, so that you are better equipped to identify and fulfill the mission God has created just for you! Let us know you would like to begin this journey by contacting [Alisa](#) at ext. 123.

### Celebrating Missions Fair

**Sundays, February 12 and 19, Church Lobby**

God is doing great work among us Salem! He has given us a heart for the vulnerable and the hurting. In 2011 alone, we supported 30+ partners with over \$170,000 and thousands of volunteer hours. We cared for the families in need in our community, across the country, and around the world. Please join us for the Celebrating Missions Fair February 12 and 19 in the lobby before and after the Sunday service. For more info, contact Nabil Safi at [n.safi@salemchurch.org](mailto:n.safi@salemchurch.org).

### Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway

**February 24-26, Hyatt Regency Cincinnati or March 2-4, Dayton Marriott**

If you're married or engaged and want to take your relationship to the next level, don't miss your opportunity to attend a Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway. The getaway weekend is a time to be together as a couple, away from the distractions of life. You'll have the opportunity to strengthen your marriage. The format consists of listening to fabulous speakers in a ballroom setting and then working on projects together as a couple - just the two of you! Contact Jack & Sherry Hoying at 836-4070, visit

[www.familylife.com/groups/hoying](http://www.familylife.com/groups/hoying) and click on "Join my Group" or e-mail [adultministry@salemchurch.org](mailto:adultministry@salemchurch.org).

### 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.

### 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.

### Miami Valley Women's Center Diaper Drive

**Sundays, January 29, February 5, 12 and 19**

This Diaper Drive will support the Miami Valley Women's Center. Please drop off diapers at the designated area in the lobby. During this economic time, MVWC is there to reach out to mothers in need. Stop by and see what ministries MVWC does for mothers. For more info, contact Lynda Windsor at [ljwindsor@juno.com](mailto:ljwindsor@juno.com).



### Now Available in the Community Center

Stop by the Community Center and bring the Courageous experience home! Start with the Collector's Edition DVD of the movie, featuring an additional two hours of content only available from Christian bookstores, and the soundtrack CD featuring the title song by Casting Crowns. As you daily strive to live out the Courageous life, or know someone who is, help them "stay the course" with cards that will speak to either Men's or Women's hearts and a calendar that will bring the message of the movie to his desk every day for years to come.

### Community Table Fundraiser at Bob Evans

**January 29 and 30**

This event will be held at the Bob Evans on South Main in Englewood and the Bob Evans on Hoke Road. Stop by the Ministry Table in the lobby for a flyer which will give 15% of the total meal check to Community Table.

Questions, contact Deb at [tstahl1@woh.rr.com](mailto:tstahl1@woh.rr.com) or 832-8024. Thank you for your help in providing funding for the ongoing mission of Community Table.

### Helping Hands

**Thursday, February, 2, 7 p.m.  
At the home of Donna Mattix.**

Barb Temple will present the program "Hospitality Bulgarian Style". Ballot presentation and voting will also take place. All women are welcome. Contact Janet Hussong, 836-7271.

### Free Books

The office staff has been doing some sorting and cleaning lately!



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 pay \$50 at the time of registration and \$50 at the end of the class. 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 can participate in these classes without paying again, but registration is required. Contact Missy at ext. 100 or [info@salemchurch.org](mailto: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.*

Please visit the book table in the lobby...located just underneath the center stairwell....and help yourself to some wonderful Christian resources.

### Trailblazers

The Trailblazers will not be meeting in February. We plan to resume our monthly activities in March.

### Giving

**Weekly Need: \$34,815**

**Offering 1/22/12:  
\$25,162.30**



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