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Salem Happenings

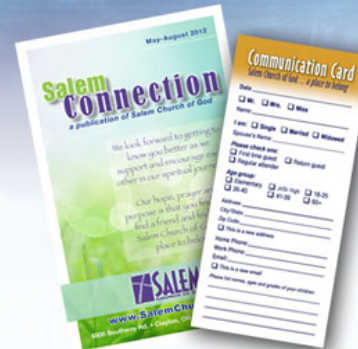
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Welcome ... We are glad you have chosen to join us for worship today. Please take a moment during your visit to complete a Communication Card found in the pews. If you have any questions, stop by the Welcome Center, contact us at info@salemchurch.org 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 4, 2013



Women ...

The January issue of "The Spice" is available at SalemChurch.org / Get Connected / Women

Trailblazers

This group will not meet in January and February. We will look forward to seeing everyone on March 14.

Gal Pals Lunch

Sunday, Jan. 13, Bob Evans, Hoke Rd., following 11 a.m. Worship. Gal Pals, a group of women who are divorced, widowed or never married meet once a month to share a meal at various local restaurants. Contact [Betty](mailto:Betty@SalemChurch.org) at ext. 104.

Empty Nesters

Upcoming fun events . . .
Save the dates:
Feb. 9, Game Night
March 17, Mystery Dinner
More details soon!

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss

One of our Elders, Debbie Galvin, has traveled to Thailand as an emissary of our congregation to attend the dedication service of the Susan Hardman Memorial Training Center. The dedication service will be held on January 6th, Susan's birthday. Susan and Debbie were lifelong friends, and we felt it was fitting that Debbie represent Salem Church at this important event.



At the age of 53, Susan went home to be with the Lord after a courageous battle with cancer on January 7, 2010. Susan was a member of Salem Church of God and was a missionary for 24 years with the Global Missions of the Church of God in Anderson, Indiana.

Susan was a great adventurer traveling to 47 countries in her life. Her award winning photography of her travels and of the world is remarkable and has been used in multiple books. As a missionary in China, she not only faithfully spread the good news of the gospel, but she taught English classes to people of all ages. Susan was deeply loved by people from all over the world. Her sense of adventure, warm humor, and love for all people positively influenced thousands of people.

The Susan Hardman Memorial Training Center was constructed as a cooperative building project of Rev. Silawech Kanjanamukda, director of the Church of God in Thailand, and the family and supporters of Susan as a missionary. This will be a place of training and developing leaders for the churches in this Buddhist culture. The center is located north of Bangkok.

I encourage you to read a wonderful tribute to Susan given as part of a sermon by Pastor David Shultz at www.SalemChurch.org / upcoming events / e-happenings.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

Woman to Woman Class -Jonah: A Life Interrupted

2013 class begins this Sunday January 6, 9:30 a.m., Room 402

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! In this study by Priscilla Shirer, you'll learn to redefine the interruptions that inevitably come and see them as God's invitation to do something beyond your wildest dreams. Books available in class (\$12). Contact [Betty Scheibly](mailto:Betty@SalemChurch.org) at ext. 104.

Mission Trip to Honduras

Salem's next trip to our sister village of Robledales, Honduras will be **June 15 - June 21, 2013**. Our goals for this trip are to provide a basic medical clinic, build a house, and do VBS for the children. We especially need volunteers with construction experience. We will have an informational meeting after the first of the year. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Lisa Ward at Lward7@hotmail.com.

Women's Mission-Focus

The Helping Hands women send thanks to all of those who supported the "Fruit" Fundraiser during the holidays. It was a success! Thanks for supporting missions and helping take care of our missionaries.

Giving:

Weekly Need:
\$34,815

Offering 12/23/12:
\$31,875.55

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!

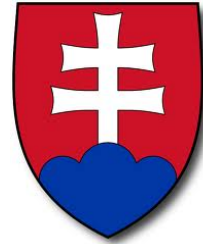
Report on Syrian & Iraqi Refugees in Lebanon

Thursday, January 10, 6:30 p.m., Room 106

Rev. Tom Atema, Director of Heart for Lebanon state side will be sharing the latest stories of how Heart for Lebanon is serving the refugees from Syria and Iraq. We will also be announcing a trip to Lebanon next summer. Everyone is invited to join us! For more info, contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org.

Slovakia English Camp 2013

The 2012 Team Slovakia will host an informational breakfast for persons interested in the details of forming a 2013 Team Slovakia. In these week-long summer camps, English is a catalyst for sharing the gospel with secular Slovak high school students. Teaching American English combined with sports, crafts, high octane evening programs set the stage for talking about Jesus. It's time to start training. Questions or reserve a spot at breakfast, Saturday, January 5, 2013, 9:30-11 a.m. at Joe & Merry Cookston's house. Contact Betty Scheibly at ext. 104 or b.scheibly@salemchurch.org



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. To reserve your place, contact Betty Scheibly at ext 104.

Hurricane Sandy Relief Effort

The Central District of the Church of God in Ohio is organizing a weekend trip to Keansburg, NJ to help rebuild the community. The trip is taking place next weekend January 11-13. If you are interested and available, contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org OR go to the following link for more info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/112386185599269/>

Annual Celebration and Business Meeting

Informational Meeting & Carry-in Dinner, Sunday, January 20, 5 p.m., Gym
Annual Business Meeting, Sunday, January 27,
Voting immediately following each worship service

It is time once again to celebrate all that God has done in and through Salem Church of God. Everyone is invited to an informational meeting and carry-in dinner on January 20 at 5 p.m. We will have a meal together, worship and share stories from 2012. We will present the Annual Report and review the budgets for 2013. Then on Sunday, January 27, we will vote for the 2013 budget and incoming elders. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!



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