

Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

January 6, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought From Pastor Moss



The dawning of 2012 provides a couple of exciting opportunities for our congregation. On Sunday, January 8th we begin a new series entitled Hanging by a Thread.

Hanging by a thread is a cultural idiom referring to a situation that is on the verge of breaking or falling apart. It's another way of describing an impending sense of constant danger. In this series we will take a look at what happens when you feel like life, your finances, your marriage, your job, your emotions or your faith is hanging by a thread.

It's a sermon series offering hope where there is despair. This is not a hand-wringing, "ain't it awful" kind of series. It will point to the spiritual solutions needed in tough times.

If you or someone you know is in need of hope, help, and a biblical perspective, this series is for you.

Another exciting opportunity is for you to become a part of the "Just Imagine!" initiative. We want every individual and every family in our church to just imagine what life could be like if you were not encumbered by the debt that weighs you down. We want to introduce everyone to the practices that will allow you to be free!

Utilizing the Financial Peace University curriculum, we will help you to understand how easy it is to buy into false beliefs that ultimately lead to financial bondage.

Just imagine is not a stewardship campaign, it is not a way to guilt members into pledges. It's a plan to completely revolutionize the way our members handle God's money. It's about creating a church that is filled with intense, passionate, sold out, and generous people.

The results of the Just Imagine initiative will be life changing and church changing. I do hope you will participate. (You can see how to enroll elsewhere in this newsletter).

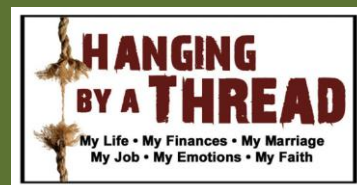
See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

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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New Sermon Series Beginning this Sunday

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 will bring helpful Biblical truth to help you gain a sense of hope and the power to persevere. *Invite a friend and join us!*



Start off 2012 with Financial Peace University! Are your bills overwhelming you? Are you looking for some peace when it comes to your finances? 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



**Outreach Focus
Salem Sewing**

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!](#)

Ministries

[Click here to read more about how you can be a part of this outreach](#)

Update of Trailblazers Meeting Dates

The Trailblazers will not meet in January. We will resume our monthly activities in March.

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). For more information, contact Barb at 832-6348 or orsewingforjesus@yahoo.com

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Hugs Project Cancelled for January

The Hugs Project will not be meeting during the month of January. Our next Group Hug will be Saturday, February 11. We look forward to seeing you then!

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.

Offering 12/25/11:

\$32,412.03

Offering 1/2/12:

\$24,334.42

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

Annual reports and absentee ballots will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday, January 15. All absentee ballots need to be turned in by Friday, January 27.

Are you new to Salem?

Join us for the Welcome to Salem luncheon!

February 5, 11:45 a.m. to 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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - James: Mercy Triumphs

(Changed from Mondays) January 10 -February 28, 9:30-11:30, Room 402

Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways as you get to know both the man and the book of James. In this study by Beth Moore, we'll explore the concepts of joy, hardship, faith, wisdom, single-mindedness, the tongue, humility, and prayer. Books will be available in class for \$15. Contact [Missy](#) at ext. 100.

Student Union Sunday School Class

Sunday mornings beginning January 8, 9:15 a.m., Room 315

If you're a high school senior, a recent graduate or just beginning your post-college journey this is the group for you. Discussion-based Sunday classes, though loosely curriculum focused, are open to your problems, concerns or whatever rolls off your tongue. Group facilitators, Jason and Ashleigh Bowman, fresh out of college themselves, understand many of the challenges that you face every day - been there, done that, and if they haven't they're ready to walk beside you and learn right along with you. So what are you waiting for? We'll meet you at the Student Union! For more information, contact Alisa at ext. 123.

Students Get Connected

Students, a lot is happening in student ministry. We have an upcoming ski trip, IYC and EPIC restarts this Sunday, January 8. **Be sure to get connected!** For more info, contact Pastor Wes at w.duff@salemchurch.org.

Mpact Overnight

Friday, January 20-There will be an overnigher for the Mpact girls, 3rd - 6th grade from 7p.m. until Saturday morning at 9a.m. in the gym. 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, Jan 22, 9:15 a.m., Room 106 - Dedication, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.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.



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

