

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.



October 19, 2012

the art of 
marriage[™]
getting to the heart of God's design

The Art of Marriage
Friday, Nov. 2,
6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday,
Nov. 3,
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Art of Marriage Event is a video experience that consists of six video sessions. These videos combine dramatic stories, real-life testimonies, expert interviews, humorous vignettes and other teaching methods to lay out God's design for marriage in a fresh, engaging way. Guests attending the event are each provided a manual with projects to help them apply the principles taught in each session, augmented by dozens of articles and additional content to help them dive deeper. The cost is \$50 per couple. This cost includes your books, and a continental breakfast and lunch. Childcare available for ages 6 and under. Register at [SalemChurch.org / Upcoming Events / Art of Marriage](http://SalemChurch.org/UpcomingEvents/ArtofMarriage) or contact Betty at ext. 104 or b.scheibly@salemchurch.org.

Giving:

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 10/14/12:

\$23,633.52



"Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a reproach to any people."
- Proverbs 14: 34

The Bible does establish priorities in national righteousness. Do you know what they are? In this series of messages we will examine what the Bible teaches us about our responsibilities as his people. We will look beyond the rhetoric of this year's campaign season in order to rethink the historical and current values that shape America.

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss

Which practices help your Christian life the most? Attending worship, times of prayer and Bible reading, or expressing your faith with good deeds? These are all foundational practices of the Christian experience.

Another important practice I want to share with you is to think about the power of remembering God's blessings and responding in gratitude by giving an offering to the Lord's work. From time immemorial, God's people have brought offerings to the Lord as an expression of worship and gratitude. The Lord himself called His people to give these tangible expressions of their devotion to Him.

In the Old Testament, Moses reminded God's people of the importance of remembering God's provision. He described how God had led them from slavery in Egypt and protected them from the terrible wilderness with its fiery serpents and scorpions. He provided them with water in the desert, fed them with manna. He helped them multiply their flocks, their crops, and their gold.

Moses' warning was clear: "Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God" (Deut. 8:11). His sermon continued, "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.' But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." (Deuteronomy 8:17-18 NASB).

By now you have received a mailing about our traditional Blessing Sunday offering at Salem. We are trying to raise your sights in order that you will see this tradition as a spiritual discipline in preparation for Blessing Sunday. To merely see it in terms of a financial contribution minimizes the spiritual power that comes through recognizing God as the source of our provision.

I encourage you to use the Blessing Journal enclosed in the mailing. As you reflect on God's blessing in your life, write it down in the appropriate space. I hope you'll keep the sheet in your Bible for future reference ...and experience the remarkable power of remembering God's blessings.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss



Fruit Sale

Fruit for winter and the holidays. Place your order now . . . members of the Helping Hands Circle will be at a lobby table to take your order. Proceeds from this event help fund missions.

Evangelism Through Medicine

Just as Jesus ministered to the physical needs of those with whom He came in contact, Caring Partners International works with churches and missionaries who desire to bring love and compassion to a suffering world through the delivery of medical treatment accompanied with hope of the Gospel. Beginning on October 19, CPI will be leading a team of medical professionals to Tonsupa, Ecuador, in partnership with American missionaries as well as the locally established church. For one week, the group will conduct free family-practice clinics for the community, inviting people into the local church for medical care as well as The Clinic of the Soul where they will hear the Word from local members of the church. Lisa Ward is Salem's emissary and would appreciate your thoughtful prayers for safety and for many hearts to be opened through Jesus. Contact lward7@hotmail.com for more info.



Stop by the Coffee Express-O for a fresh cup of coffee Sunday mornings!

Check it out!

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

Missionaries Robin and Faith Jelle Visiting Salem Today

Today, October 21, 12:15 p.m., Gathering Place, Carry-in Meal Everyone is invited to come and meet Robin and Faith Jelle, missionaries to the Navajos in Arizona. The Jelles attended Salem Church prior to moving to our present location in 1981. Robin helped with the construction of our present building. They were called to the Navajo ministry at the end of the 1980s. Come and hear as they share what is in their hearts about their ministry.



Raven Sunday at Salem Today

Today, October 21, before and after worship services

Anderson University is excited to announce "Raven Sunday!" AU values its long-standing relationship with the Church of God and aims to celebrate this partnership by conducting the second annual "Raven Sunday" today in the lobby. The offices of Admissions and Alumni, is sponsoring two current AU students at our church for an informal time of sharing and connecting before and after our Sunday morning services. We encourage you to stop by and talk with these current students, hear their AU stories, and share your AU stories with young and old alike. Have questions? Contact Julie Short, Anderson University liaison to the Church of God, at (765) 641-4565 or jksort@anderson.edu.

Empty Nester's Annual Turkey Project

The Empty Nester's Annual Turkey Project has begun! For a number of years, Salem has provided deserving families in our community with a Thanksgiving turkey to make their holiday special. During the next several weeks please help us add feathers to our lobby turkey by donating to our "Turkey Project." One dollar will purchase a small feather, five dollars a regular size feather and ten dollars will purchase a large tail feather. For every \$13 donated a turkey will be provided to a family. Last year we were able to give out 265 turkeys through your generosity. Stop by our table in the lobby to learn how you can help. This year we will be serving along with the Northmont F.I.S.H. program. Contact Jo & Jerry Wick at 937-839-5123 or kinseystation@aol.com or Alisa at ext. 123.

Children's Ministry Openings

We are looking for a few people with some computer knowledge who would be interested in "checking-in" on a laptop, our Preschool and/or Elementary kids on Sunday mornings. This is once a month, or more if you like, from 9:00-9:45 a.m. Contact Craig at ext. 112 or childrensministry@salemchurch.org.

Congregational Care

We are updating our list of shut-ins. If you know of someone in the Salem family who is confined to home, please notify Beth at ext. 115 or b.jones@salemchurch.org.

Baptism Preparation Class

Sunday, November 4, 9:30 a.m., Room 209

This class is for children, youth, and adults. We will be celebrating baptism (by immersion) on November 18. Contact Betty Scheibly at ext 104 or b.scheibly@salemchurch.org.

A new ministry opportunity...The Salem Card Ministry

Monday evenings Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, 7-8 p.m., Room 316

Join us as we launch a new card ministry at Salem! Monday evenings will prove to be a wonderful time of creativity and fun with the opportunity to learn how to make handmade cards. Nancy Peters, an experienced rubber-stamping instructor, will be your guide each evening as you complete two cards. One card to keep and the second card to be given away. Cards that are given away will be utilized in a variety of ways as we focus on raising awareness and supporting local and international missions. The \$3 cost covers all supplies for the evening. Contact Nancy at 937-673-8715.

Secret Sister Program

Women are needed to inspire the next generation. You will be matched with a teen, pray for her and send her cards, notes and small tokens of encouragement. Your identity will be revealed next April at a party. If you are interested, contact Patty Ernst at 833-2266.

Sermon CD's

Sermon CD's are now available at the Welcome Center in the middle of the lobby. If you ordered a CD from a past sermon, please be sure to stop by the center to pick it up!

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is now located at the Welcome Center in the middle of the lobby.



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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.

