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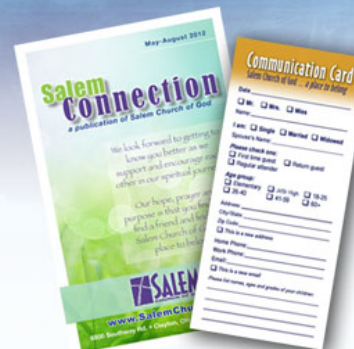
Salem Happenings

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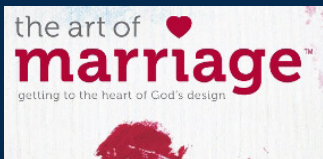
Welcome ... We are glad you have chosen to join us for worship today. Please take a moment during your visit to complete a Communication Card found in the pews. If you have any questions, stop by the Welcome Center, contact us at info@salemchurch.org or 937-836-6500. We look forward to getting to know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



October 26, 2012



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 online at SalemChurch.org / Upcoming Events / Art of Marriage or contact Betty at ext. 104.

Giving:

Weekly Need:

\$34,815

Offering 10/21/12:

\$26,123.90



"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**

Obedience is an important attribute that we want to develop in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. One of the central tasks of parenting, for example, is to develop an obedient spirit in our children. Often dog owners take their pets to obedience school in an effort to develop an obedient spirit in them.

In contrast, those who are disobedient to laws or to authorities create some of the greatest problems in our society. Yes, obedience is important!

Think about the importance of obedience in matters of our faith and our spiritual walk with Christ. In the great commission Jesus told us to go and make disciples and teach them to OBEY everything that he commanded us. With that in mind, consider this spiritual truth:

Your relationship with Christ will never grow higher than your lowest level of obedience.

Peter described the very first step of obedience in following Jesus this way: "Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38).

Have you been obedient to the Lord in baptism? If not, I have a wonderful opportunity for you! The Salem Church will be celebrating the baptism event at the beginning of the 11 o'clock service on November 18. We are now able to utilize the newly refurbished baptistry located behind the platform in the worship center. Several have already indicated their desire to be baptized. Would you like to join them in this step of obedience? I assure you that it will have a great impact on your relationship with Christ as you are obedient to the very first thing he asked you to do.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can find details about how to prepare for baptism on November 18. Meanwhile, I'm inviting the rest of our faith family to be praying for those who will be obedient to the Lord in this very important step.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss



Last week to order

Fruit Sale

Fruit for winter and the holidays. Navel or juice oranges, red grapefruit, or tangelos cost only \$20 for a 20 lb (approx.) box; also 20 lb. (approx.) boxes of apples (red or golden delicious, or Granny Smith) for \$30. This is the last Sunday to order. Members of the Helping Hands Circle will be at a lobby table to take your order. Proceeds from this event help fund missions. Thank-you for your support!

Sewing for Jesus

**Mondays, 1-4 p.m.
Room 310**

We invite you to join us in making 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, you can use one of ours. Contact Barb at 832-6348.



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!

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, November 4, 6 p.m. Salem Worship Center

The Salem Church will gather in the Worship Center at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, for a time of worship and prayer for America in the upcoming election. Pastor Boots will guide our worship and Pastor Moss will help us prepare our hearts for prayer. Rosanna Howard and others from the Prayer Team will lead us in this very special time of congregational prayer. We invite you to join us!

Baptism Preparation Class

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

Baptism Preparation Class will be held Sunday November 4. 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 for more information.

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, through your generosity, we were able to give out 265 turkeys. 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.

Trailblazers Luncheon and Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 12 p.m., Salem Gathering Place

Come and enjoy a turkey meal with all the trimmings catered by Rob's. Cost is \$7 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are not necessary. Pastor Dave and Jan Cox will inspire and entertain us with a program planned just for us! The focus will be sharing stories of "Life's Unexpected Blessings." Community Outreach: We are collecting warm clothing (children and adults), toys, and other items for Gospel Mission to distribute at Christmas. See complete list at www.GMission.org. If you'd like to donate items, bring them to this meeting. Contact Herm at 832-6348.

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 would be once a month, or more if you like, from 9:00-9:45 a.m. Contact Craig at ext. 112 or childrensministry@salemchurch.org.

A new ministry opportunity...The Salem Card Ministry

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

Come 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 will be yours to keep and the second card will 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.

