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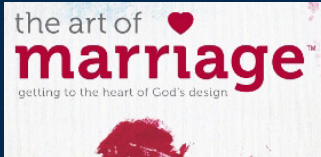
Welcome ... We are glad you have chosen to join us for worship today. Please take a moment during your visit to complete a Communication Card found in the pews. If you have any questions, stop by the Welcome Center, contact us at info@salemchurch.org or 937-836-6500. We look forward to getting to know 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 5, 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 layout 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. To register go to SalemChurch.org / Upcoming Events / Art of Marriage or contact Betty at ext. 104.

Giving:

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 9/30/12: \$28,126.66



"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

Last Sunday was an incredible day at Salem! I've been praying for the impressive group of individuals who responded to the invitation to become more intentional about being a good neighbor. I'm praying that you will experience new joy in your life as you make the relational journey from stranger to acquaintance to relationship.

The following quote comes from a great new book entitled **The Art of Neighboring** by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon (Baker Book Group, 2012):

"We don't love our neighbors to convert them; we love our neighbors because we are converted. And the truth is, many Christians have been taught by well-meaning people that they should do nice things solely for an opportunity to have a spiritual conversation. But Jesus never called us to use a bait-and-switch approach, where we become friends with people only to share spiritual truths with them. We are called to love people- period. Whether those people ever take any steps toward God is beside the point. We are called to love our neighbors unconditionally, without expecting anything in return. The Great Commandment says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The commandment ends there, with no other expectations given. Thus good neighboring is an end in itself."

I'm praying for you as you consider creative ways to invite your neighbors over for dessert, to enjoy a fall bonfire, to a leaf-raking and cider party, or to a neighborhood tailgate party. For good ideas on how to build relationships with your neighbors, visit www.artofneighboring.com and click on "stories."

Who knows how God will use your friendship to encourage your neighbor?

This Sunday will be another great service. Christians recognize the day as World Communion Sunday. There is a special, meaningful communion experience in store for you as Pastor Boots leads in worship.



Fundraiser for Missions

Purchase an Elder Beerman Community Days booklet and show your support for missions through Helping Hands and Women of the Word circles. The entire purchase price of \$5 goes to missions. The booklets have special offers for shopping on November 9 and 10. To get a booklet contact Helping Hands members Harriet Coppock (277-4402) or Patty Ernst (833-2266); Women of the Word members Sherry Hoying (836-4070) or Terri Stump (836-3647). Thank you for your support and happy shopping.

Salem Sewing Ministry

Hugs Project Ends

After much prayer and thought, the decision has been made to end the Hugs Project. We have been able to reach out to many troops serving in the Middle East over the past 6 1/2 years and are very thankful to everyone who has supported this ministry. With the reduced number of troops it has become difficult to make contacts recently, so we feel that we should focus our efforts on other areas. Salem Sewing Ministries continue to reach out to God's people in many ways through Sewing for Jesus or the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Contact Charlene Kaiser at 239-8563 or clkaiser@woh.rr.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Thursday, Oct. 11, 6-8 p.m., Room #310

(enter door #8) Those who would like to work on hats are reminded to bring Knifty Knitter. Contact Phyllis Rose at rose.phyllis@att.net or 278-3637.

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!

Community Prayer Services

Sunday, October 7, 6:00 p.m., Fairview Church, 750 Union Blvd, Englewood

Sunday, November 4, 6:00 p.m., Grace Brethren Village, 1010 Taywood Rd, Englewood

You are invited to attend a community prayer service, to pray for America. When we humble ourselves and pray, our lives are touched, our churches empowered, our communities are restored, and our country is healed.

Trailblazers Catered Luncheon & Program

Thursday, October 11, 12 p.m., Salem Gathering Place - You are invited to attend the Trailblazers' luncheon catered by Jerri's. Cost, \$7 per person, payable at door. Reservations not necessary. Program features DeBray. Ray and Deb Johnson are a husband/wife duo performing music from the 1920's to the present, while playing a variety of instruments, including piano, guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, bongos, and a 1911 cornet. Come and bring a friend! As we continue to reach out to our community, if you would like to donate warm winter outerwear for Gospel Mission, bring your items to either the October or November Trailblazers luncheons. Contact Beth at ext. 115.



Women...the October issue of "The Spice" is available.

Go to SalemChurch.org / Get Connected / Women to read the current issue.

Women, last chance to sign up for ... Fabulous Fall Fun Night!

Friday, October 26, 6:45-10 p.m. (the event will begin promptly at 7 p.m.)

Women's Ministry invites you to a relaxing evening of fun, good friends, and food! This intergenerational event will feature a very special "Tasting Party" highlighting your own extraordinary recipe. Our crafting theme for the night is "Paper Arts" and you will enjoy learning how to create several projects. Additionally, we will have the opportunity to support missions by donating a card creation to a local card ministry. Drinks and table service provided and as always, guests are welcome. Open to all women Jr. High age and up.

What to bring: Favorite appetizer/dessert to share; One copy of your recipe (include your name); Crafting supplies: pencil, ruler, scissors, deckle-edge scissors (if you own them), and a glue stick.
Cost: \$10 adults; \$5 students (Jr. High through college); \$20 maximum fee per household
Registration with payment deadline: Sunday, October 14. Contact Betty at ext. 104 or b.scheibly@salemchurch.org.



Missionaries Robin and Faith Jelle to Visit Salem

Sunday, October 21, 12:15 p.m., the 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. To help with the planning, sign-up in the lobby on October 7 and 14. Contact Jeanie Rarick at rarickgj@gmail.com.

Gal Pals Lunch

Sunday, October 14, Meet right after second service, Cracker Barrel, 7171 Miller Lane, Dayton

Gal Pals are a group of women who are divorced, widowed or never married that meet once a month to share a meal and fellowship. Contact Betty at ext. 104 or b.scheibly@salemchurch.org.

Raven Sunday at Salem

Sunday, 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" on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012. The offices of Admissions and Alumni will be 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. They look forward to sharing and connecting with valued alumni, as well as all the students and parents in our congregation. Have questions? Contact Julie Short, Anderson University liaison to the Church of God, at (765) 641-4565 or jshort@anderson.edu.



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