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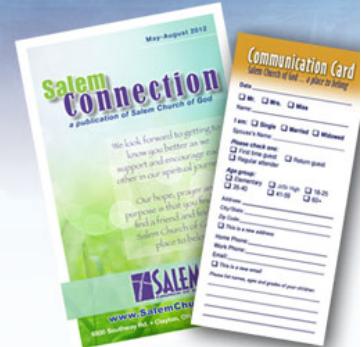
# Salem Happenings

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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](mailto: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](mailto:info@salemchurch.org) to receive our weekly e-newsletter.
  - Check out our website at [www.SalemChurch.org](http://www.SalemChurch.org).
  - Pick up a Salem Connection located in the information racks.



November 16, 2012



**Christmas Shoe Boxes**

*All boxes must be turned in today!*

Make a child's Christmas a happy one by filling a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse. These shoeboxes represent more than smiles and laughter; they become Gospel opportunities that open doors to share the love of Jesus Christ with children and their families around the world. Information is available in the lobby. The boxes need to be turned in today, Sunday, November 18 in the church lobby.

**Giving:**

**Weekly Need:**

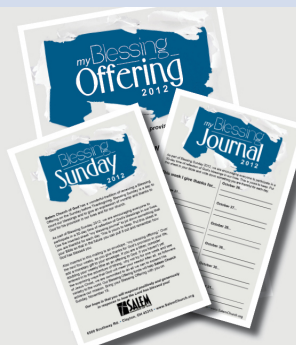
**\$34,815**

**Offering 11/11/12:**

**\$27,131.98**

**Today, Sunday, November 18, is Blessing Sunday at Salem!**

Blessing Sunday is a day to count our blessings and give an expression of worship and thanks to God for his provision in our lives and for our church. Join in as we continue this wonderful tradition of bringing a special offering to the Lord in response to the ways He has blessed us during the year!



**Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss**

Today I write on behalf of all pastors at Salem.

It's a privilege to serve you, to encourage you, to teach you, and love you as Christ's ambassador. The New Testament is full of admonitions for every Christ-follower, including those of us called to pastor. Here's one meaningful example:

"Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that" Ephesians 5:2 (MSG). Each of us, as your pastors, aspire to love you as Christ does.

In the offices this week there has been much discussion about the wonderful moving of God's Spirit we experienced last Sunday. The time of anointing people at the end of the service was powerful. The pastors reflected on how personally moving it was to serve as Christ's representative in anointing people. Expressions on faces revealed deep spiritual need. Together we agreed that anointing God's people was a sacred privilege.

Yes, it is a privilege to serve as a pastor. We're imperfect people, just like you, but we do our best to love you and serve you in obedience to our Lord. We are so thankful for the ways you put up with each of our quirks and idiosyncrasies. While each of us has different gifts, strengths, and weaknesses; the Lord has brought us together as a coalition of like-minded, vision-focused servants.

Your pastors also want to thank you for your generous demonstration of appreciation during the month of October. Words seem inadequate to express appropriate gratitude for the cards, the kind words, and financial gifts you sent our way. We receive it with thanksgiving that the Lord has brought us all together, as His church, that we may love one another, support one another, and minister together in Jesus' name.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss



## Holiday Preparation Annual Nut Sale

The Gaulke Circle is hosting their annual nut sale. Visit the table in the lobby or by the Mission Map. Your loyalty to this mission fundraiser is appreciated and you and your family are sure to enjoy the goodies made with these wonderful nuts.

### SCA

Salem Christian Academy is looking for an Art Teacher, 3 days a week. Bachelor degree in Art Education preferred. Contact the SCA office at 836-9910  
[orscapincipal@aol.com](mailto:orscapincipal@aol.com).

## 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!



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**BROKEN**  
**WORLD**

**Friday, Dec 7 – 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec 8 – 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Dec 9 – 11 a.m.**

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## Christmas Celebration Volunteers Needed

Greeting our guests with a warm welcome and a friendly smile is one of the most important things we do at Salem. Please stop by the Welcome Desk and sign-up to help at one or more performances. For more information please contact Mary Wright at [dforrestranger@msn.com](mailto:dforrestranger@msn.com).

## New Family Tree Informational Meeting

**Sunday, November 18, 9:30 a.m., Café**

Everyone is invited to join the New Family Tree ministry team for an informational meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 18. New Family Tree's mission is to assist former foster youth in their efforts to develop and achieve the skills and abilities necessary to live independently and successfully. Contact Doug Norton at (937) 232-3774.

## Hope for the Holidays

*Remembering Your Loved One during the Holiday Season*

**Saturday, December 1, 6 - 7 p.m., Salem Chapel**

You are invited to a time of celebration and remembrance that will lift hearts and spirits. May you find peace and inspiration from this remembrance as you prepare for the holidays without your loved one. This program will include candle lighting, live music, and light refreshments. RSVP by November 28 to Missy at ext. 100 or [info@salemchurch.org](mailto:info@salemchurch.org).

## Community Table Christmas Store Coming Soon

Salem will again host the Community Table Christmas Store and we need your help! We need volunteers on several dates between Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, to help set up the store, help families shop for gifts, wrap gifts, and clean up the store. If you would like to volunteer, please look for the Christmas Store Table in the lobby to choose a time that is convenient for you. We also have a "Wish List" of supplies and gifts to help stock the Christmas Store that you can pick up a list at the Christmas Store Table in the lobby. Contact Debbie Stahl at [tstahl1@woh.rr.com](mailto:tstahl1@woh.rr.com) or 832-8024, or Mary Wright at [dforrestranger@msn.com](mailto:dforrestranger@msn.com).

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Salem

**Monday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.**



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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.*