

Experiencing the transforming love of Jesus
Expressing that love to others

Salem Happenings

a publication of Salem Church of God

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.



November 2, 2012

Giving:

Weekly Need:

\$34,815

Offering 10/28/12:

\$26,227.72



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Make a child's Christmas a happy one by filling a shoebox for Samaritan 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 today in the lobby. The boxes need to be turned in by Sunday, November 18 in the church lobby.

Gal Pals Lunch

Sunday, November 11, right after second service, Marion's Pizza, 404 National Rd, Englewood Gal Pals are women who are divorced, widowed or never married. We invite you to join us for a fun time of fellowship! Contact Betty at ext. 104.



"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

On Monday, your five pastors and ministry director, Alisa, met for a day of reflection and prayer. It was a spiritually impacting and meaningful time.

Pastor Wes shared devotional thoughts at the start of the day. His words were especially relevant due to the storm that was raging in the eastern United States. Speaking from the familiar Biblical narrative of Jesus calming the storm (Matthew 14:22-32), Wes reminded us that the Lord sent his disciples out fully knowing that they would encounter a terrific storm. He did not protect them from the storm, but later showed his authority over it.

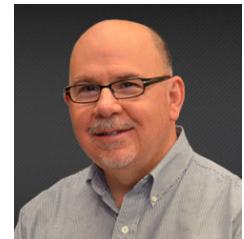
The recent destructive storm, Sandy, has been horrific. Like you, I wonder why such devastation was not diverted by the hand of God. It's tempting to ask the same question that Jesus' disciples asked in the midst of the storm, "Lord, don't you care?"

Note that the storm itself was not their destination - it was the other side of the lake. Bearing in mind that God uses all things for good for those who love Him, Jesus obviously had His divine purposes in mind when He took the disciples through that storm rather than avoiding it.

We can learn so much from this passage in Matthew. It shows that our hope of being able to avoid the storms of life is an unrealistic expectation. As a young naive Christian I believed God would never allow me to go through any major trials. Unrealistic expectations like this set us up for a fall. When the storms of life come, we are surprised, bewildered, and shocked.

The fact is, storms DO come into our lives. Another fact is, God does care. Whether the storm you face is from the force of nature, a physical illness, financial devastation or a tempestuous relationship, please remember that God is present in the midst of the storm and will never leave you or forsake you ...no matter the outcome.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss





Women's Newsletter

To read the current November issue, go to SalemChurch.org / Get Connected / Women.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, November 8, 6-8 p.m., Sewing Room (#310...enter door #8)

Everyone is invited to join us! Those who would like to work on hats are reminded to bring your Knifty Knitter.

Contact Phyllis Rose at rose.phyllis@att.net or 278-3637.

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

This 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!

Empty Nester's Annual Turkey Project

Sunday, November 11 will be the last day to donate to this project
Turkey distribution is Saturday, November 17

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 special 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 the complete list at www.GMission.org. If you'd like to donate items, bring them to this meeting. Contact Herm Temple 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

Join us as we launch a new card ministry at Salem! This 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.

New Family Tree Informational Meeting

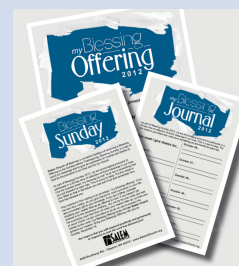
Sunday, November 18, 9:30 a.m., Café

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.

Blessing Sunday, November 18

Salem Church of God has a wonderful tradition of receiving a Blessing Offering on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. 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.

As part of Blessing Sunday 2012, we are encouraging everyone to participate in a 30-day time of reflection of God's blessings in our lives. Use the "My Blessing Journal" sheet to jot down something that you are thankful for each day. Blessing Offering Envelopes and Blessing Journals are available at the worship center doors and in the pews.



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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.

