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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.



December 14, 2012

**Giving:**

Weekly Need:  
\$34,815

Offering 12/9/12:  
\$36,096.10

**Year End Giving**

As we near the end of the year, and as you review your 2012 giving to Salem Church, please be reminded of IRS guidelines requiring that 2012 contributions must arrive at the church by 12/31. If mailing, contributions must be post marked by December 31, 2012. If you wish to drop off your year-end gift at the church, the church office will be open on Wednesday, December 26 and Thursday, December 27 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. You may also make your 2012 year-end contribution during our December 30 morning worship services.

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**



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

**Announcing New Staff Pastor for Children and Family Ministry**

Kyle Hayes has eagerly accepted the invitation to join the Salem Church staff and serve as pastor to children and their families. Kyle has served the Wildwood Church of God, Ashland, Kentucky for 4 years as Children's Ministry Pastor. With his ministry teams, he has spearheaded a strong, community-focused children's program through media, sports, puppets, community events, and teaching. Jessica, Kyle's wife, is also involved in children's ministry, in areas of teaching and technology. Kyle and Jessica have a wonderful 4 month old little girl, Adelaide.



Kyle graduated from Anderson University (Bible/history); Jessica from Cedarville University (early childhood/Bible). Through personal interviews, surveys, Skype calls and emails, Kyle and Jessica have testified to their life calling to ministry and their deep realization that God has now called them to Salem Church. The pastoral staff recognizes and affirms this call and enthusiastically welcomes the Hayes family to the Salem family. They plan to arrive here by mid-January. Please join us in praying for this young family as they navigate their Kentucky goodbyes and their Ohio transition.

**Year-end giving continued ...**

For your convenience, another option for making a year-end gift is through "online giving." Simply go to our church website at [www.salemchurch.org](http://www.salemchurch.org) and select the "ONLINE GIVING" tab, and follow the instructions on the screen. Please note that all online gifts must be entered no later than December 31 if you wish to have the gift recognized on your 2012 giving statement. Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Salem Church of God. We are looking forward to 2013 with great EXPECTANCY!

**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!

**Outreach Project Continues Through December**

Some two thousand years ago, the world received the one gift of hope that would transform our past, present, future ... and even eternity. We invite you to join Salem as it reaches out to make a difference in the world.

We are partnering with 4 organizations this year to make a difference in the lives of young mothers, children, and families. Shopping lists are available in the Salem Church lobby.



**Opportunity to Walk Closely with Christ**

Did you know that the term "Christian" means "belonging to Christ"? Do you belong to Him, or do you just admire Him from arm's length? Discipleship mentoring helps you truly know that you belong to and follow Christ. Our discipleship mentors are eager to begin mentoring anyone interested in having a closer relationship with Jesus Christ! You may request discipleship mentoring at any time of the year, but in January 2013 several people will be starting discipleship mentoring--both on an individual basis and in small groups. If you'd like to start in January, contact Sylvia Miller at 671-5267 (cell) or 771-0453 (evenings), or by email at [sylviaamiller@woh.rr.com](mailto:sylviaamiller@woh.rr.com).

**New Life Group forming - The Apprentice Series**

This group will begin meeting weekly on Monday, February 4 Home of Tom and Gwen Martin, 360 Winterset Drive, Englewood

Would you like to know more intimately the God Jesus knows? This small group experience will involve discussion, sharing, and encouragement during a 90-minute gathering. A closer look at the God Jesus revealed will be studied through learning more about the stories that guide our actions, practicing soul-training exercises such as sleeping enough, slowing down, silence, and awareness of creation and others. Contact Tom and Gwen Martin at 836-4570 or Betty at ext. 104.

**Bridge Ministries in Hungary**

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the church in Hungary! To read the latest Bridge Ministries newsletter, go to [www.SalemChurch.org](http://www.SalemChurch.org), click on the "Serve the World" tab and then "Outreach."

**Check out the NEXT PLACE!**

**Are you new to Salem?**

We invite you to stop by the **NEXT Place** which is located right off of the main lobby. This is a place where you can find out basic information about our church, our staff, our ministries and the way we provide care to our congregation. Life Group resources may also be checked out in the **NEXT Place**.



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