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Salem Happenings

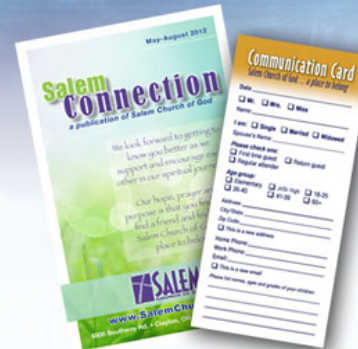
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Welcome ... We are glad you have chosen to join us for worship today. Please take a moment during your visit to complete a Communication Card found in the pews. If you have any questions, stop by the Welcome Center, contact us at info@salemchurch.org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



February 1, 2013

Get Connected!

**Alpha Course
Introduction
February 18**

**Building Tour
February 3**

**Next Step 101
Class: Know God
Feb 10 or 24**

**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!

**Giving:
Weekly Need -
\$32,780**

**Offering 1/27/13 -
\$20,318.33**

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought From Pastor Moss

On Sunday we launch a new Sermon Series entitled BIG THINGS. It seems like everyone we converse with has something big going on in his or her life. Planning for a wedding is a BIG thing. There is a new job opportunity, also a BIG thing. Construction of a new home is another BIG thing. Or it may be the loss of a loved one is the BIG thing. Dealing with a long-term illness is certainly a BIG thing. The birth of a child is a BIG thing to any family. You get the idea. The list of BIG THINGS is enormous!

In this series we will identify several factors that impede your ability to deal with that BIG thing going on in your own life. We will address how fatigue, noise, ingratitude, prayerlessness, Biblical illiteracy, busyness and commotion all interfere by limiting your spiritual capacity to deal with the big things going on in your life.

In a world where everybody has something BIG going on, it's crucial that we develop practices that help us live as victors, not victims! We will identify these helpful practices and help you to participate in these soul training exercises (often called spiritual disciplines).

Resource material for this series comes from the **Bible**, as always, and insights gained from a book entitled **The Good and Beautiful God** (in the Apprentice Series). Without a doubt you will discover helpful perspective to help you deal with the BIG THING in your own life.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss



Take Alpha for a Test Drive Monday, February 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Gathering Place

Have you ever bought a car without first taking it for a test drive? Probably not. We like to test things before we commit to them. Take the Alpha Course for a test drive on Monday, February 18. Please sign up on the clipboard at the Alpha kiosk in the lobby this Sunday. Contact Chris Hall at c.hall@salemchurch.org with any questions.



**"IS THERE
MORE
TO LIFE?"**

If you could ask God one question, what would you ask?

The Alpha Course

Marriage Oneness

Beginning February 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Room 106

The Marriage Oneness series is developed for married couples - especially young married couples - to help them create a meaningful and satisfying closeness in their relationship that will last a lifetime. This series is offered in eight sessions, starting February 6 and ending March 27. Childcare will be available. Contact [Betty Scheibly](mailto:Betty.Scheibly) at ext 104.

Gal Pals

For all women

Meets second Sunday of the month, Next Lunch Feb. 10, Burkey Family Restaurant, 670 Shiloh Springs Road

Gal Pals is a group of women who meet once a month and share a meal together. Invite friends who may or may not have a church home at this time. Contact Ginny Chesterton 833-3443.

Card Ministry

Mondays, February 4, March 4 and April 8, 6:30-8 p.m., Room 316

Nancy Peters, an experienced rubber-stamping instructor, will be your guide as you complete two cards. One card to keep, the second card will be given away. Cards are given away to support missions. The \$3 cost covers all supplies. Invite a friend! Contact Nancy at 937-673-8715.

Secret Sister Luncheon

Sunday, March 3, after second service, Gathering Place

All former Secret Sisters are invited to a luncheon on March 3. We would love to have you join the current Secret Sisters for a time of fellowship. Pizza will be provided. RSVP by Feb. 17 to Ann Evans at 832-8111 or Kinsey Galvin at 836-2981. We are looking for current Secret Sisters to provide, pop, chips, salad, or dessert. Please let Ann or Kinsey know if you are able to do so when you RSVP.

Trapshooting Dayton Area Church Trapshooting League

Salem is invited to enter a five-person team (men, women, youth). Join as a regular or an alternate. The league begins April 4 and runs 12 weeks. The cost is \$9 per person each week, plus shells. Any youth under the age of 18 will need a parent to stay. Contact M.J. Longstreth at 470-0994 or Musratjack@roadrunner.com

Remembering Your Sweetheart Luncheon

Saturday, Feb 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Coldwater Café, 19 East Main Street, Tipp City

Honor your love story at this sweetheart luncheon. Bring a photograph, share a story, find encouragement and support along with others who are grieving the loss of a loved one. RSVP required by February 4 to Tom Kehr at 937-299-5379 or Thomas.kehr@vitas.com.

Empty Nester's Game Night

Saturday, February 9, 5 - 8 p.m., Gathering Place

Whether it's a game of Catch Phrase or Sequence, you can find it being enjoyed by a table full of Empty Nesters at their annual game night. If you've been there before, or if you're new to Salem, we invite you to spend the evening with us. Bring your favorite board game, a soup, salad or dessert and a snack to be shared. Drinks and tableware are provided. Since this is the time of the year that many folks start to de-clutter, we ask you to bring along a white elephant gift to be used during the evening. Contact Steve or Kathie Troehler at 583-5003. Stop by our table in the lobby.

Heart for Lebanon Mission Trip 2013

Empowered Personnel Only

Do you know that Lebanon is mentioned in the Bible over 70 times? Do you want to be where Jesus' hands and feet were? Will you prayerfully consider being the hands and feet of Jesus to over 500 refugee families? **Sign Up NOW!** For more info, contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org.

Weekend to Remember

March 1-3, Dayton or March 8-10, Cincinnati

This Getaway Weekend is a time to be together as a couple, to invest in and strengthen the foundation of your marriage. By getting away from the distractions of life, you can fortify your most important relationship. Join us March 1-3 at the Dayton Marriott or March 8-10 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. Contact Jack or Sherry Hoying at 836-4070 or jashoying@aol.com. Visit the table in the lobby to sign-up or get more information.

Men's Conference - "Fight Like a Man"

Friday March 15 & Saturday, March 16, Salem Church gym

We are excited to host Todd Braschler, a nationally known leader in men's conferences! We will look at questions like: How do I lead my family in a world that is going crazy? Am I a man that God would bless? If God has a vision for me, how can I find out what it is? Registration for this event is coming soon! Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to this one of a kind weekend. Contact mensministry@salemchurch.org or Craig at ext. 112.

The Spice - Women's Newsletter

The February issue of The Spice is available at Salemchurch.org/ Get Connected / Women.

Business Meeting Ballot Results

The Board of Elders and Leadership Selection Committee candidates were all ratified by 92% or higher. The 2013 Budget was approved at 99%.

Let us introduce you to Salem...

We invite you to stop by the NEXT Place, located in the main lobby.

Building Tour - Sunday February 3

Immediately following first and second service, meet in the NEXT Place

Join us after the service for a tour of the building! We know that understanding how to navigate the church campus goes a long way in helping you feel comfortable at Salem. Additionally, this is a great way to find out about the classes, events, and ministries of this church. If you are interested in knowing more about Salem or have any questions concerning the programs we offer, contact Alisa Harkless at 836-6500, ext. 123.

NEXT STEP classes

As you consider Salem becoming your church home, we invite you to participate in NEXT Step classes. Classes may be completed in any order.

Next Step 101

Sundays, February 10 or February 24, 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Room 106

Open to all new people and existing congregation members 16 years of age and older. This is a one-day class that includes a light breakfast. Topics covered will be the history of the Church of God (global, national and local), what we believe, membership, ordinances and stewardship. Take the next step and join us! Contact Betty at ext. 104.



