

Experiencing the transforming love of Jesus
Expressing that love to others

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 15, 2013

Get Connected!

Alpha Course Introduction
February 18

Baptism Class
March 3, 9:30 a.m.

Life Groups
New Life Groups forming on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings (see details on back)

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!

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Not A Sermon, Just A Thought From Pastor Moss

We make many choices in our lives that are routine, almost automatic. Do you like your coffee black or with cream? If you're a coffee drinker, you probably don't spend much time thinking about that choice; you just drink it the way you habitually like it.

Automatic behavior also engages when we travel by air. We choose whether we prefer an aisle or a window seat. Those who fly frequently usually make their choice without much forethought.

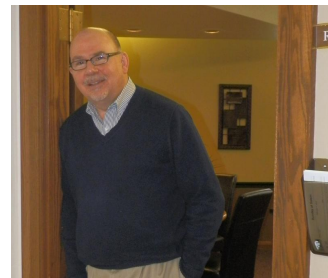
It seems that those who choose the aisle seats on a plane are more intent on the logistics of air travel. They prefer the ease of getting out, quickest access to the overhead storage, and disembarking quickly. In contrast, those who choose the window seat are often less focused on what's happening inside the plane and more interested in what's happening outside.

In the book "The Externally Focused Quest," authors Eric Swanson and Rick Rusaw use the window seat/aisle seat metaphor to represent different attitudes found within the local church. They say those who choose the "aisle seats" are intensely interested in the programs, the events, and the logistics of church life. Others are "window seat" people who are most interested in how their local church can influence the unbelieving world outside the walls.

At Salem we strive to have a healthy balance between great programming and events to nurture the lives of Christians, as well as focusing on the needs of the world around us as we serve in Jesus' name.

Under the capable leadership of Nabil Safi, our Global Engagement Coordinator, we are asking you to participate in one of four "Go Be Do Reach Week" outreach experiences this year. In each of these week-long outreach experiences we will join forces with our missional partners working to demonstrate God's love outside the church walls. I encourage you to read more about this below .

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss



Go Be Do Reach Week - March 4-10

Have you ever thought of how we can solve the problems of the world? Does your heart break for the hungry, the homeless, and the poor? Did you every wonder how we can give hope to vulnerable children and women in our community? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then congratulations, the Holy Spirit is prompting you to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people around you. This year, Salem Missions and Outreach ministries wants to offer you opportunities to serve, be transformed, and bring light to the Northmont community. There will be morning, evening, and weekend serving projects, so everyone (individuals and families) will have the chance to participate. Check out the Go Be Do Reach BIG sign in the lobby, grab a brochure and a list of the serving opportunities for the week of March 4-10, and sign up! Places and blessings are limited! Contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org



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

**Offering 2/10/13 -
\$31,757.10**

Community Table Event

The Community Table will be having a movie night on Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m. at the Englewood Cinema. The family movie will be "Monsters, Inc." All admission proceeds will go towards the outreach efforts of The Community Table. Tickets are \$3 at the door. Englewood Cinema is located at 320 W. National Road in Englewood.

FYI ...

The Father-Daughter and Mother-Son Banquets have been cancelled. The February/March/April Hymn Sings will not be launched this Spring.

Women of the Word Flower Sale

Think Spring - Women of the Word is having their annual flower sale. These flowers will enhance any flower garden and also make great Mother's Day gifts. Delivery will be Mother's Day weekend. Stop by the table in the lobby Sunday and see what they have to offer. Proceeds go to missions.

Secret Sister Luncheon

**Sunday, March 3, after
second service,
Gathering Place**

All former Secret Sisters are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, March 3. Pizza will be provided. RSVP by February 17 to Ann Evans at 832-8111 or Kinsey Galvin at 836-2981. We are looking for current Secret Sisters who are able to provide, pop, chips, salad, or dessert.

Celebrating Missions Fair - Sunday, March 3

Salem Mission and Outreach team is organizing a mission fair on Sunday March 3 for you to learn more about our ministry partners. This year we divided our fair into two parts. In March we will feature partners whose focus is on solving the problems of the broken world; in June we will feature our partners who reach people that are far from God. This March we will also have a visiting missionary from Egypt who will be sharing about the ministry in the Middle East at the Gathering Place from 9:45-10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars and prepare your hearts to engage in God's mission. Contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org.

Baptism

Class - March 3, 9:30 a.m., Room 106 - Baptism, Sunday March 17

Baptism by immersion is a first step for the new believer. If you would like to be baptized or have any questions regarding the purpose or meaning of baptism, contact info@salemchurch.org or 937-836-6500.

Weekend to Remember

March 1-3, Dayton Marriott or March 8-10, Cincinnati Hilton Netherland Plaza

This Getaway Weekend is a time to be together as a couple, to invest in and strengthen the foundation of your marriage. 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.

Senior Adult Spring Fling

March 7, 12 p.m. (doors open at 11:45 a.m.) Der Dutchman Restaurant, Plain City, OH

Join other senior adults from around the state for a time of fun, food, and fellowship at the annual Spring Fling. Sponsored by Ohio Ministries' Senior Adult team, this event always provides a wealth of laughter and memories. Cost is \$16.50 per person. Contact Roger Dean by February 21 at 884-7434 or 344-2520.

Men's Conference - "Fight Like a Man"

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

Todd Braschler will be the guest speaker at the men's retreat this March. 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? Cost is \$30 per man, \$20 youth 17 & under (includes breakfast and dinner on Saturday). Registrations available in lobby. Register by March 6. Contact mensministry@salemchurch.org or ext. 112.

Empty Nesters - Mystery Dinner

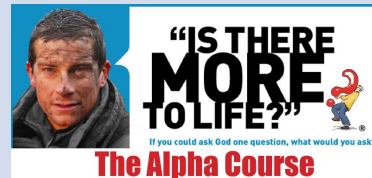
Visit their Lobby Table on Sunday for more info . . .

Take Alpha for a Test Drive

Sign up for the introductory session 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. 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.



Sunday Morning Life Group

Sundays, beginning Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m., Room 314

Join us for a weekly video segment, interactive group discussion, a time of prayer, and the chance to develop connecting relationships. All are welcome! Contact Brian Harkless during evening hours at 937-529-1161.

The Apprentice Series Life Group

Wed., beginning Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m., Room 311, Leaders: Jenny Vance, David Cox

This small-group experience will involve discussion and encouragement during a 90-minute gathering. A closer look at the God Jesus revealed will be studied. Stop by the lobby table. Folks will be there to share information about The Apprentice Series. Contact Jenny Vance at jenny423@woh.rr.com or Betty at ext 104.

Next Step 101

Sunday, 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.



