

Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

February 17, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss

One of my spiritual disciplines is meditation on the meaning of a certain word. At times I will ponder the nuances of a word for days or weeks as I go about my daily routines. One particular word has captured my attention frequently over the past couple of years. It's a word that applies directly to my life and to the life of our congregation. Are you curious to know what this word is? Provision.



The Bible is brimming with promises of God's provision for our needs. Examples include:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23).

"Your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!" (Matthew 6:8).

"My God shall supply all your needs" (Philippians 4: 19).

Sadly, we often get confused in knowing the difference between our wants and our needs. We live in the midst of a consumer culture bent on reinforcing the idea that we never have "enough." We call that capitalism. It takes real spiritual discipline to discern how God desires for us to view his provision for our needs.

At Salem, our church family is committed to the twin spiritual disciplines of living within our means and also giving a tithe of our income. The word tithe is literally translated "a tenth." During the last two Sundays of February we will share with you how this tenth of the church income is being used for ministry outside the walls to expand God's kingdom. There are many displays in the lobby describing the ways that our Salem family is ministering outside the walls of the church. I encourage you to view them and to be inspired!

Amazingly, as we live out this commitment to give a tithe of our church income to the ministry needs of the larger world, God has continued to bless us and to help us live within his provision. It's an exciting adventure!

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

Salem Offers Online Giving

Your partnership in the ongoing ministry of Salem Church of God has never been more important or more simple. You can now make financial contributions to Salem through our secure online system.

For more info or to make a contribution you can visit our secure web page by [clicking here](#).

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Miami Valley Women's Center Diaper Drive

Last Sunday, February 19

This Diaper Drive will support the Miami Valley Women's Center.

Please drop off diapers at the designated area in the lobby.

During this economic time, MVWC is there to reach out to mothers in need. Stop by and see what ministries MVWC does for mothers. For more info, contact Lynda Windsor at

ljwindsor@juno.com.

Trailblazers Catered Luncheon & Program

Thursday, March 8, 12 p.m.,
Salem Gathering Place

We invite you to join this friendly group of mostly retired folks for fun and fellowship. Rob's will provide meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, rolls and butter. Meals are \$7 per person, payable at the door. Reservations not necessary. Mark Snow, a baritone vocalist, will perform 14-16 songs covering 60 years of music from the 1930s through the 1980s. Audience interactions of sharing interesting information regarding the song, the artist, the arranger/composer is what sets

Look, Listen
Like
& Labor!

**Celebrating
Missions Fair**

February 12 & 19
Salem lobby
Before and after services

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We are called to serve! This is our mantra as followers of Christ. At Salem, we are intentional about it and want to give the opportunity for everyone to be active in ministry.

Join us for a light breakfast this Sunday Feb. 19 at the Celebrating

Missions Fair and browse the various ministry fields where you can join, live out your faith and share your joy. For more info contact Nabil Safi: n.safi@salemchurch.org

Mark apart from other performers. You won't want to miss this great program full of oldies but goodies! Contact Beth at ext. 115.

Upcoming Classes and Events

Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway

February 24-26, Hyatt Regency Cincinnati or March 2-4, Dayton Marriott
If you're married or engaged and want to take your relationship to the next level, don't miss your opportunity to attend a Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway. The getaway weekend is a time to be together as a couple, away from the distractions of life. You'll have the opportunity to strengthen your marriage. The format consists of listening to fabulous speakers in a ballroom setting and then working on projects together as a couple - just the two of you! Contact Jack & Sherry Hoying at 836-4070, visit www.familylife.com/groups/hoying and click on "Join my Group" or e-mail adultministry@salemchurch.org.

4th Annual Shoes For Orphan Souls Campaign

February 12 - March 9

Help the Children's Ministry collect 500 pairs of shoes during the 4th Annual Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign. Please share this opportunity with co-workers and schools! Shoes for Orphan Souls, a ministry of Buckner International, provide new shoes and socks to orphans and at-risk children in the United States and throughout the world. Due to customs regulations, all shoes must be new. Please place new shoes in the large shoebox in the RAC hallway.

Shoe Packing Party - Don't miss the packing party on **Saturday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Gym (RAC)! We'll count and organize all the donations received during the Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign and ready for shipment to the warehouse. Watch for more information to register your family for this interactive service opportunity. For more info or brochures to about Shoes for Orphan Souls, contact SalemOrphanOutreach@gmail.com or Heather Bench at (937) 245-0317.

Just Imagine - Prayer Blitz

As we prepare for the Just Imagine sermon series beginning March 25, we invite you to **pray with us on Ash Wednesday (Feb 22) between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.** Take a few minutes to pray for yourself, your family and your church. Just Imagine prayer cards are available at the Worship Center doors.



God's Church United in 40 days of Prayer and Fasting February 29-April 8, 2012

Salem Church of God is joining with congregations around the globe who are uniting in 40 days of fasting and prayer, from February 29 to April 8, 2012. The goal? For 25,000 individuals to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Imagine the victory we can celebrate on Easter Sunday, knowing these new Christians have committed themselves to follow the Lord! This can truly be a time of...Transforming Hearts...Transforming Lives.



To guide and support you on this 40-day journey with God, Church of God Ministries' Transformation Team has assembled resources that will enhance your spiritual focus, including daily prayer and devotional calendars for children, youth and adults.

[Click here for devotional calendar \(scroll to Free Resources for Focus 40\)](#)

Giving

Weekly Need: **\$34,815**

Offering 2/12/12:
\$27,850.03

Sewing Ministries

Sewing for Jesus group will not be meeting on Monday, February 20.

Ohio Church of God Ministries

Feb. 29 - Focus 40 Begins

June 22-27 - North American Convention, Anderson IN

July 4-7 - International Youth Convention

Aug. 3-12 - Springfield Camp Meeting

Sept. 7-8 - Men's Ox Roast

Oct. 25-26 - Ohio General Assembly and Super Cluster Meeting

Nov. 9-11 - Ohio State Youth Convention

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