

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 22, 2013

Get Connected!

Alpha Course
March 4 - May 20

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

Men's Conference
March 15 & 16
at Salem
Register this Sunday!

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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Join us today, Sunday, Feb. 24 in the lobby between services, for a reception honoring Pastor Wes, Kelly, Kyle and Elliot.

Dear Salem Family,

I would like to take a moment and say, thank you. It has been an absolute joy to serve here as a pastor. Thank you for the privilege to minister to the students of Salem. They are very dear and precious souls. I have immensely enjoyed watching them grow in Christ. I have been amazed at their passion to worship God, and willingness to share their faith with others. This is a special group of students. I have been amazed by the Youth Staff who tirelessly pour into these students. Salem is a church that produces lifelong disciples. It has been a great joy to be a part of this ministry.



Kelly and I also want to thank you for allowing us into your lives. We have felt loved and encouraged by all. We will never forget the encouragement we felt when Elliot was born. The pregnancy was rough, but you supported us and prayed for us. You also showered us with gifts. We did not have to buy anything for six months into Elliot's life! Thank you for expressing God's love towards us while we had something big going on. We will always cherish that in our hearts. Kyle, our son, has experienced a call into the ministry during his time at Salem. As a family, this has been a rich and rewarding time. Thank you for making us know that we were part of the Salem family.

Wes Duff
Student Pastor

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? If you answered YES to any of these questions, 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 is morning, evening, and weekend serving projects, so everyone 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! Contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org.



Celebrating Missions Fair - Sunday, March 3

It is time again to Look, Listen, & Like! 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.

The Alpha Course - March 4 - May 20

Alpha gives everyone the opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a lesson and short discussion. Sign up at the Alpha kiosk in the lobby. Contact Chris Hall at c.hall@salemchurch.org with questions.

Giving:
Weekly Need - \$32,780

Offering 2/17/13 -
\$21,618.76

Empty Nesters Mystery Dinner

Sunday, March 17, 5-7
p.m., Buckeye Jake's,
West Alexandria

Dust off your Go-Go Boots and reserve your seat at a smashing 60's Mystery Dinner. Seating is limited to 25 so don't delay! Visit the lobby table for more details or contact Steve and Kathie Troehler, 937-583-5003.

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.

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 after the second service in The Gathering Place. We would love to have you join the current Secret Sisters for a time of food and fellowship. Pizza will be provided.

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.

Places to Serve in Children's Ministry

The Nursery could use a few more helping hands with the little ones. We have times available for 1st & 2nd hour in the Nursery and people who would like to sub for Preschool teachers when needed. Contact Craig at 112 or childrensministry@salemchurch.org. For nursery information and Denise Palen for the Preschool at denisepalen@yahoo.com.

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.

Men's Conference - "Fight Like a Man"

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

Todd Braschler will join us as 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? Invite your friends to this one of a kind weekend. Cost is \$30 per man, \$20 per youth 17 & under (includes breakfast and dinner on Saturday). Registrations available in the lobby. Please register by March 6. Contact mensministry@salemchurch.org or ext. 112.

Life Groups at Salem

Sunday Morning Life Group

Sundays, 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. Occasionally we will meet off-site for fun events and the opportunity to serve together in local outreach projects. All are welcome! Contact Brian Harkless during evening hours at 937-529-1161.



The Apprentice Series Life Group

Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m.,

Room 311/312, Leaders: Jenny Vance and David Cox

Would you like to know more intimately the God who Jesus knows? 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 through learning about the stories that guide our actions, practicing soul-training exercises and awareness of creation and others. 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.

Let us introduce you to Salem...

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

What is NEXT? A place ...

- To connect with the pastoral staff
- For staff to connect with guests
- That informs guests about Salem
- To make your first step
- To connect to a Life Group



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.



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