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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](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.



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**Get Connected!**

**Alpha Course Introduction**  
February 18

**Courageous Parenting Class**  
begins February 10

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

**Check it out!**  
[SalemChurch.org](http://SalemChurch.org)  
Click on the "get connected" tab and scroll through the different areas. Listen online to teachings, submit a prayer request and more!

**Like us on Facebook!**  
[Facebook.com/mysalemchurchofgod](http://Facebook.com/mysalemchurchofgod)

**Not A Sermon, Just A Thought From Pastor Moss**

Our new sermon series is entitled BIG THINGS in reference to the big challenges that most people are facing at any given time. Sometimes the big things in a person's life take the form of an opportunity rather than a challenge or problem. That's why we say nearly everyone has something BIG going on in his or her life.

At Salem we have some big things going on right now that are wonderful opportunities. It's important that you don't miss them!

We have some big things going on in ministry to children and their families. Pastor Kyle Hayes is off to a roaring start, bringing energy and creativity to take us to a new day in our outreach to children and families.

The Alpha Course will soon launch. The Alpha Course will be a powerful tool to help us become more evangelistic as a congregation. We don't want you to miss the upcoming "Taste of Alpha" event on Monday night, February 18.

This year we will breathe new energy into our small group ministry re-named LIFE GROUPS. We believe that every person in our congregation will benefit from participating in a group focused on doing life together. A Life Group will experience praying together, sharing life events and supporting one another, as well as studying the Bible together. Each week we will make a Life Group lesson available to you that will correspond with the sermon. Go to [SalemChurch.org](http://SalemChurch.org) to access a copy of the lesson, you can also pick up a copy each week at NEXT.

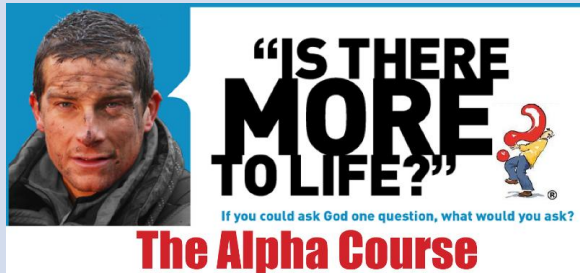
Another big opportunity for you is YouVersion. It is a wonderful new Bible App that you can access from your smart phone or tablet. Tools included with YouVersion consist of bookmarks, reading plans, notes and more. Each week you can access the LIVE event at Salem. There you can receive sermon notes and interact with the weekly message. Try it. It's FREE! Check it out at [youversion.com](http://youversion.com).

Those are just a few of the BIG THINGS happening at Salem.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss

**Take Alpha for a Test Drive**

Be sure to sign up for the introductory session Monday, Feb 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 February 18. Sign up on the clipboard at the Alpha kiosk in the lobby this Sunday. Contact Chris Hall at [c.hall@salemchurch.org](mailto:c.hall@salemchurch.org) with any questions.



**Courageous Parenting**

Sundays, Beginning February 10, 9:30 a.m., Room 417-God is calling us to fight for our faith and for our families. He is calling us to follow Christ and live a life that is COURAGEOUS. It's time to answer the call. This Bible study is designed to challenge us to live courageously for the sake of our families. Study book: \$7, available at first session. Contact Betty Scheibly at ext. 104 or [b.scheibly@salemchurch.org](mailto:b.scheibly@salemchurch.org).

## Giving:

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

**Offering 2/3/13 -  
\$35,836.93**

## FYI ...

The Father-Daughter and Mother-Son Banquets have been cancelled.

The February/March/April Hymn Sings will not be launched this Spring.

## Gal Pals

### For all women

Meets second Sunday of the month, Next Luncheon 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 at various local restaurants. All women are welcome. Invite friends or family members who may or may not have a church home at this time. Watch the e-Happenings for each month's location. Contact Ginny Chesterton 833-3443.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl meeting for Feb. 14 is cancelled. Contact Phyllis at 278-3637 or [rose.phyllis@att.net](mailto:rose.phyllis@att.net).

## Secret Sister Luncheon

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

All former Secret Sisters are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, March 3. We would love to have you join the current Secret Sisters for a time of fellowship. 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. Please let Ann or Kinsey know if you are able to do so when you RSVP.

## 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](mailto: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 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 (includes breakfast and dinner on Saturday). Registrations available in the lobby. Contact [mensministry@salemchurch.org](mailto:mensministry@salemchurch.org) or ext. 112.

## 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](mailto:Betty) at ext. 104.

## Sunday Morning Life Group

**Sundays, beginning Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m., Room 314** -Join us for a weekly video segment, interactive group discussion and a time of prayer. 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** - This small-group experience will involve discussion and encouragement during a 90-minute gathering. Take a closer look at the God Jesus revealed Stop by the Lobby Table for info about The Apprentice Series. Contact Jenny Vance at [jenny423@woh.rr.com](mailto:jenny423@woh.rr.com) or Betty at ext 104.

## Salemprofile.....

### Getting to know your church staff

**NAME:** Beth Jones

**WHAT I DO AT SALEM:** Administrative assistant for congregational care and Trailblazers for two years.

**YEARS ATTENDING SALEM:** 35

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS:** Husband Phil; married 41 years. Daughter Kristin (Jones) Ryding, who is married to Jeremy. They have our two granddaughters, Emily and Violet, and live in Olympia, WA. Son Stephen Jones is an ophthalmology resident physician in Detroit.

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT SALEM:** Good friends and warm fellowship.

**IF I HAD PURSUED A DIFFERENT CAREER:**

Nursing. I have worked as a registered nurse in a variety of settings.

**FAVORITE TV PROGRAM:** Downton Abbey

**ONE THING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME:**

My first job was working in my dad's store for \$.50 (that's 50 cents!) an hour.



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If you have a medical emergency and need to contact a staff person after office hours please call 937-474-9753.

