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This Week at Salem Church of God

March 16, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss



Think with me for a moment about this well-known truth: **Repeated success is more difficult than success.**

For instance, perhaps you've noticed that it's difficult for a pro football team to win the Superbowl two years in a row. Why? Because repeated success is more difficult than a one-time victory. This truth applies to each of us. There are many times in life when we are pleasantly surprised by an attempt that turned out well. However, we soon learn that repeating that effort consistently is quite another story!

This is true in your spiritual life, and this is true for the ministry of the church. It takes consistency in practice to accomplish long-term repeated success. We don't "accidentally" raise great kids, grow in our spiritual lives, or accomplish long-lasting goals. It takes consistency.

Last year, as our congregation journeyed through **THE STORY**, we demonstrated to ourselves that by consistent effort we could read through the Bible narrative in thirty-one weeks. That experience was a great reminder to each of us about the value of sticking with a great objective in a systematic way.

Nearly every pastor I know would like to see the church he or she serves experience a sudden surge in growth. It happens occasionally to a congregation, and the story of the sensational growth is repeated enough to cause some to believe that it is "normal." My experience, however, has been different. I believe that the climate for growth must first be attained in order for true progress to be sustained.

One belief has shaped my work as your pastor more than any other. Are you curious to know what it is?

We often overestimate what can be accomplished in the short-term, and we underestimate what can be accomplished through consistent sustained effort.

That's the simple truth that guides me. Try it. You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish over time!

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

Invisible Children Awareness Campaign

Immediately following Worship, Sunday, March 25, RAC-Kony2012 has gone viral...do you know what that means? March 25 is your chance to hear directly from the volunteers of Invisible Children. Epic (Salem Student Ministries) invites everyone to learn more about Invisible Children's Awareness Campaign. Pizza lunch will be provided. Due to graphic content in awareness film, parents are urged to carefully consider attending with children 10 and under. Contact Sam Bench at 245-1940 or Wes Duff at 836-6500.

Mission Trip to Honduras July 1-6

Informational Meeting Tuesday April 3, 6:30 p.m., Room 106-This trip will include Medical, VBS, Community Dinner and some Construction. If you are at all curious, please come to this meeting. Contact Jody at ext. 111 or j.curtis@salemchurch.org

Mission fundraiser...

Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 8, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Gym- Help support Salem missions by enjoying a pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday. Money received from this donation-based breakfast will help fund the summer mission trip to Slovakia. While in Eastern Europe, Salem's team of eight young adults will be building relationships, assisting with conversational English camps, participating in the discipleship process, and sharing the message of Christ with Slovak youth.

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 visit our secure web page SalemChurch.org.

Parent/Child Dedication

**Class - April 1, 9:15 a.m., Wiggle
Worship Area (balcony)
Dedication - April 22, 10:30 a.m.**
The dedication of young children is an important observation in the Salem family. Parents considering child dedication are invited to attend a time of instruction, fellowship, and orientation on Sunday, April 1, at 9:15 a.m. in the Wiggle Worship area of the balcony. Contact Craig at ext. 112.

Thank you for your generosity!

355 pairs of shoes (71% of our goal) and 146 pairs of socks were collected and packed during the 3rd Annual Shoes for Orphan Souls! Please be praying for the children and young adults who will receive the gift of new shoes. Visit www.shoesfororphansouls.org

Help Needed: Direct Traffic for Easter

Men, we need some help to direct traffic on Easter morning, April 8, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and/or from 9:45-10:40 a.m. If you can help either or both times, contact Craig at mensministry@salemchurch.org or at ext. 112.

Flower Sale for Missions

Spring is just around the corner. Women of the Word is having their annual flower sale. Stop by the table and order your flowers for summer. These make great

Just Imagine!

All church study beginning March 25

Just imagine what life could be like for you and your family if you were able to live debt free! No more hassles about finances. Arguments over money disappear. No more living with too much month at the end of your money. Sound impossible? We're here to help you! Together, we're going to walk through an amazing journey. And you're going to see some dramatic changes in your family, as well as your church family.



Upcoming Weekly sermon:

March 25 - Facing Discontentment, April 1 - The House of the Wise
April 15 - Counting the Cost, April 22 - The Chains of Debt
April 29 - Outrageous Giving

We are inviting everyone to get involved in this study! Adult Sunday School classes who have chosen to follow along with the "Just Imagine Sermon Series" include: Lifescope, JOY Class, Parent Zone and Questors. Adult small group information is on Salem's website at www.SalemChurch.org. PDF's of material are available for download. Another opportunity to participate in Financial Peace University is coming soon! The Preschool and Elementary Sunday School classes will be tackling topics such as: be happy with what you have, always count the cost and God loves a cheerful giver. Each topic has a corresponding Bible account along with activities in class to make it stick. This is an exciting opportunity for kids to learn what the Bible says about money!

We're locking arms, trusting God, and boldly embracing His principles for handling money -and we're excited about what we'll discover together. Won't you join us?

Journey to the Cross

A family-centered Easter experience
Friday, April 6, 6-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 7, noon-4 p.m.

(Come and go between the hours listed.) Through five stations, children and their families will experience the excitement surrounding Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, the discomfort of sin in our lives, the forgiveness Jesus offers, the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and the exaltation of his resurrection.



Behold, the Cross!

Good Friday, April 6, 7 p.m., Worship Center-Join us for this one-hour community gathering of music, word and contemplation of Holy Week in the life of Christ. Be reminded of all that the cross and crucifixion meant 2,000 years ago ... and of their relevancy today. Those attending will have the option to participate in or simply observe the singing, communion, lighting of a candle or kneeling to pray at the altar. Childcare for ages 3 and younger will be available.

Easter Sunday Worship Celebrations - 'Imagine!'

Sunday, April 8, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Worship Center-(*Sunday School classes will continue at regular times*)-Imagine life as it was meant to be! Imagine a life filled with purpose, a sense of perspective about your joys and your challenges, too. Imagine a heart full of optimism and expectancy. It is possible, you know! It's because of Easter. We invite you to join us this Easter as we experience the hope that comes from knowing Jesus; the one who helps us imagine our great future! The Salem choir and orchestra will provide the backdrop for a moving experience, augmented by multimedia, visuals and a compelling message of hope: "Imagine!" Childcare for ages 3 and younger will be available.

Mother's Day gifts. Proceeds go for mission projects.

Salem Picture Directories

We are excited to announce that the Directories are here! Stop by the table in the lobby this Sunday to pick one up! *One per family please.* To help cover the cost of the printing we are asking for a \$5 donation. Thank you!

Focus 40

Feb. 29-April 8

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. 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)

Gaulke Circle

3rd Wednesday of month, 3:30 p.m., Room 106

The Gaulke Circle is recruiting new members. We are a Missionary Circle that was started in 1948 and is still going strong. We have 2 Children of Promise children we support along with many other missions like the Linen Chest, the State Project, Samaritans Purse, Hope Hill Children's Hospital, Nustart Cafe in Berlin, etc. We are presently selling a wood replica of Salem Church called a "Cat's Meow". Proceeds will help pay for ongoing missions. Contact Pat Galvin @ 890-5070 or Fran Gilland @ 836-2676.

Salem Men's Softball

Interested in playing some ball this spring/summer? We have 2 teams that play on Thursday at Salem and a younger men's team on Monday night at Camp Mac, Vandalia. Call Ed Kelley at 545-0987 for Thursdays and John Kettering at 684-0271 for Mondays. Practice is now going on in the gym on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Join us anytime.



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

