

Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

March 23, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss



JUST IMAGINE! is the title of a new sermon series beginning this coming Sunday, March 25. Nine weeks ago, many of our congregation decided that it was time to get weird. We decided that we didn't want to be "normal" any longer. In America today "normal" means "broke." We've drawn the line and we don't want to live that way anymore!

Several dozen families are in the home stretch of the thirteen week Financial Peace University course. In all, nearly 200 households from the Salem family have enrolled in FPU since 2009.

The heart of our JUST IMAGINE! emphasis is to change the culture of our thinking about how we use the resources God has entrusted to us.

Several years ago I became convinced that the reason the American church is underfunded is largely due to the financial mess affecting most families. We've bought into the "lie" of making purchases today and believing that the funds will be available "tomorrow" to pay for them (with interest added, of course). The lie, simply stated, is that we can spend our way to prosperity. Maybe you can imagine TV's Dr. Phil asking, "How's that working for you?"

You won't want to miss a single message in this series aimed at bringing helpful guidance and best practices to your life. The **JUST IMAGINE!** series will offer you hope and help. It will be positive, practical teaching based on what the Bible says about how we handle money.

The titles of the sermons in the series are:

Facing Discontentment - March 25
The House of the Wise - April 1
IMAGINE! Anything can happen! - April 8 (Easter)
Counting the Cost - April 15
The Chains of Debt - April 22
Outrageous Giving - April 29

Just imagine being free from debt and living with financial peace. It can happen!
See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

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.

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 9:45-10:40a.m. If you can help either or both times, contact Craig at mensministry@salemchurch.org or at ext. 112.

Missions Fundraisers

Flower Sale for Missions

Women of the Word is having their annual flower sale. Stop by the table in the lobby. These make great Mother's Day gifts. Proceeds go for mission projects.

Wooden Salem Replicas

Gaulke Circle is selling wooden replicas of the church. Stop by the table in the lobby. They are \$15.00.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

May 6, 11:30-1:00

The Circles groups are having a fundraiser. BBQ chicken dinner tickets will be on sale throughout the month of April. Take out or eat here at the church in the gym. Dinners \$6.50.

Helping Hands Circle

Bob Evans, Hoke Rd.

March 25 and 26, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
If you eat at Bob Evans on Hoke Rd. on Sunday, March 25 or Monday, March 26 and present the pink flyer when you eat, Helping Hands will get 15% of the sales.

This money will be used for missions. Contact Harriot Coppock 937-277-4402.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 8,

8:30-10:00 a.m., Gym

Please 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.

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! Childcare for ages 3 and younger will be available.

Invite a friend! This Sunday Easter invite cards will be available throughout the Salem campus. [Or click here to download a pdf of the Easter invite!](#)

Invisible Children Awareness Campaign

Immediately following Worship, Sunday, This Sunday, March 25, RAC

Kony2012 has gone viral...do you know what that means? This Sunday, 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 Curtis at ext. 111 or j.curtis@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 morning, April 1, at 9:15 a.m. in the Wiggle Worship area of the balcony. Contact Craig at ext. 112.

Trailblazers Catered Luncheon & Program

Thursday, April 12, Noon, Salem Gathering Place-We invite you to join this friendly group of mostly retired folks. The luncheon catered by Jerry's will be a Swiss steak meal. Cost \$7 per person, payable at door. Reservations not necessary. The comedy of Jeff Evans will lighten our hearts and bring a smile! Contact Barb at 832-6348.

Salem Annual Mulch Day

Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.-Bring a friend and join us on April 14 to help beautify the outside grounds around the church and in the Prayer Garden. We will be bringing in mulch and need your help spreading it. Bring your wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, forks or your favorite tool for spreading mulch. We plan on having a good time working together and fellowship with one another. Sign up in the lobby. Contact Missy at ext. 100 or Ron & Sharlene Wyss at 832-1945.

Retreat to the Cove with Christians Broadcasting Hope

What shall I do with a few days off? It's a question most of us face, from time to time. Try something completely different-an event, a venue, a chance to be refreshed and renewed in a new way. Become part of the annual CBH Retreat at the Cove. Contact Nabil Safi n.safi@salemchurch.org.

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!

Gaulke Circle

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

The Gaulke Circle is 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. 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.

Paper Recycling

Salem has a paper recycling bin located next to the small barn. You can drop any of the following items in the bin: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, envelopes, junk mail, office paper, shredded paper (no cardboard). The Gaulke Circle has initiated this effort to raise money for missions. Help us go green. Contact Missy for more info at ext. 100.

Giving

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 3/11/12:

\$27,163.40

Offering 3/18/12:

\$28,791.90



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