

# restoring Hope

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Good Friday Service  
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Salem Worship Center



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

In the days preceding Resurrection Sunday I often find myself thinking about the disciples of Jesus. Biblical scholars describe their backgrounds and personality types in ways that incite wonder and amazement. Jesus selected this handful of men one-by-one who became a force that forever changed the world. Among them were fishermen, a hated tax collector, and an impulsive political zealot.

One stunning fact emerges as you look at the disciples: The men the Savior chose were ordinary; hopelessly human; remarkably unremarkable. But, they were available and obedient to follow Jesus.

My hope is restored when I ponder the lives of the disciples. If you are like me, you may often feel that you're a hopeless case as a Christ-follower. You may think that God is disappointed in you because you don't pray enough, read your Bible enough, share your faith enough, or demonstrate enough commitment to Christ.

I have good news! On Easter Sunday we begin a new teaching series called **"Restoring Hope."** For those who feel desperately inadequate as Christ-followers, this series is aimed at restoring hope in God's grace ...and in ourselves.

Pray with me that those who are guests this Easter will clearly hear the message of grace and hope. I'm praying that they will want to return and rediscover hope in God's love and forgiveness in the midst of a chaotic and confusing life.

Thanks in advance for helping us to welcome everyone you see this Easter Sunday. It's going to be a GREAT celebration!

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss



## Outreach Gathering

**Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m., The Gathering Place** - The Outreach Ministry Team would like to invite you to a "thank you" party on Thursday April 4 at 7 p.m. in The Gathering place. If you were involved with the Go Be Do Reach week, involved in missions and outreach in general, or want to learn more about future opportunities, then you are most welcome to join us. Sign up on the sheet on the board in the lobby or at [SalemChurch.org](http://SalemChurch.org). Contact Nabil Safi at [n.safi@salemchurch.org](mailto:n.safi@salemchurch.org).

## Building Tour

**Sunday, April 7, Following first and second service, meet in the NEXT Place**

Join us after the service for a tour of the building! We know that understanding how to navigate the church campus goes a long way in helping you feel comfortable at Salem Church of God. This is a great way to find out more about the classes, events, and ministries of this church. Contact [Alisa](mailto:Alisa) at ext. 123.

## New Sunday Study for Women to Women

**Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Room 402**-On April 7, the Women to Women class begins "The Magnificent Obsession" study by Anne Graham Lotz. In this seven-session study on Genesis 12-22, we'll follow Abraham, an ordinary man who pursued God in a life of obedient faith, despite struggling with the same things we do today...compromise, fear, family, quarrels, failure, doubt, and disappointment. Learn Anne's simple Bible study method and join other women as we seek to deepen our friendship with the Lord. Study books available in class for \$10.

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

Offering 3/24/13 -  
\$21,448.94

### Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon

Sunday, April 14,  
12:30 p.m.,

The Gathering Place

Reservations need to be made by Sunday, April 7. Contact Ann Evans at 832-8111.

### Salem Trailblazers

Thursday, April 11, 12 p.m.

The Salem Gathering Place

Catered Lunch and Program Mark Snow will entertain us with his beautiful baritone voice. This is one of Mark's new programs. He will sing songs by numerous artists spanning several decades of the 20th century - Sinatra, Mathis, Bennett, Williams, Crosby, Martin, Como, just to name a few. Mark interacts briefly with the audience by sharing information they will enjoy learning regarding the song, the artist, the arranger/composer, etc. The meal will be catered by Rob's, \$7 per person, payable at the door. Reservations not required.

We are a group of fun-loving 55+ folks seeking fellowship and fun. We hope you will bring a friend and join us. Contact Ludena at 832-8707.

### Gospel Mission Tour

Saturday, April 13,  
11 a.m. -1:30 pm.

Learn how God is working at the Gospel Mission

You will hear how this 100-year old mission continues to grow and work with the needy not only by providing meals but with Bible classes, computer classes, children's programs etc. We can carpool from Salem. For planning purposes, contact Jeanie at [RarickGJ@gmail.com](mailto:RarickGJ@gmail.com) or call 833-4405.



### The Salem Card Ministry

First Monday of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 316

Nancy Peters, an experienced rubber-stamping instructor, will be your guide as you complete two cards. One card will be yours to keep and the second card will be given away. Cards that are given away will be utilized in a variety of ways as we focus on raising awareness and supporting local and international missions. The \$3 cost covers all supplies for the evening. Invite a friend! Contact Nancy at 937-673-8715.

### Women's Ministry Girl's Night Out

Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m., Rob's Restaurant, Brookville

\$10 (includes buffet, drink and tip)

Take a break from your busy schedules and enjoy a delicious dinner, wonderful conversation, and a whole lot of fun. Registration forms may found at the Welcome Desk or on the Salem website. Please drop-off your registration with payment on Sunday mornings in the box located at the Welcome Desk or through the week in the church office by Sunday, April 21. Contact Missy at ext. 100.

### Great Date Night

Friday, May 3, 7-9 p.m., \$20 per couple

Guest entertainer Mark Cable, singer and humorist, dessert bar

Take your special someone on a date! Enjoy everyday-life songs and off the wall humor. Laugh, unwind, be encouraged. Bonus: Salem Kids Ministry is hosting "Lulliloo" an elementary age lock-in. Registration begins next week. Contact Missy at ext. 100 or [info@salemchurch.org](mailto:info@salemchurch.org).

### Lulliloo - Elementary Lock-In

Friday, May 3, 6 p.m. - Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m., Ages kindergarten - 6th grade

Cost is \$10 by April 21, (discounts for multiple children) After April 21, \$15

On Friday, May 3, we are doing something so audacious, so courageous, that many thought it couldn't be done! We will be having our first ever Lulliloo lock-in for all elementary students. Invite a friend, get excited, and pack a toothbrush for a Salem Kids party ALL. NIGHT. LONG. Registration begins next week. Contact Craig at ext. 112 or [kidmin@salemchurch.org](mailto:kidmin@salemchurch.org) for more information.

### Serve in Kid's Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to work both in our Elementary and Pre-school 2nd hour programs. Both will be running as of Easter! God has big things planned for our children and we need you to step up to make it happen! Contact Pastor Kyle at [k.hayes@salemchurch.org](mailto:k.hayes@salemchurch.org)



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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.