

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.



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**Get Connected!**

**Kid's Bridge Service Begins Today**

Check out details on the back of this sheet!

**Baptism**

Sunday, March 17,  
11 a.m. service

**Good Friday Service**

March 29, 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday**

March 31,  
9:30 & 11 a.m.

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

How do you measure satisfaction?

I recently completed a survey for a rental car company. The survey asked questions about my experience on a scale from "very satisfied" to "extremely dissatisfied." I've been thinking about satisfaction ever since.

What is it that contributes most to our feelings of satisfaction or dissatisfaction relating to life experiences? I've narrowed my focus to three words:

**PERSPECTIVE**

This is one's worldview, or breadth of understanding. For instance, my worldview has been greatly expanded by my interactions with Christians in India, Paraguay, Hungary, Romania and Germany. Observing their unique challenges in each environment has broadened my perspective about how privileged we are as American Christians to enjoy the churches and teaching resources we have. It is that perspective that limits my complaints and maximizes my gratitude.

**EXPECTATIONS**

We all have certain expectations in family life, in our job, and from our community. Dissatisfaction arises when those expectations are unmet. One thing is certain; expectations will be unmet! How much grace will you extend to others when (not if) your expectations are unmet?

**FLEXIBILITY**

This is our ability to "roll with the unexpected." As years go by we notice that our physical bodies become less flexible. I've also noticed the tendency for peoples' attitudes to become less flexible with age.

In completing the rental car company survey those three words governed my responses. "Was the service prompt?" Well, I waited in line for ten minutes. But the recent visit from our missionary to Cairo, Egypt changed my perspective. He told me that it's not uncommon to wait in line for more than two hours for every business transaction.

"How satisfied were you with the condition of the car?" It depends upon which imperfection I decide to focus. Aren't there always imperfections? What was my **expectation**?

"How satisfied were you with the availability of cars?" The agent asked me if I was **flexible** to take a different class of car than the one I reserved. Again, my level of satisfaction depended upon my own **flexibility**.

**THE LESSON LEARNED:** One's level of happiness rises and falls in direct proportion to his or her perspective, expectations and flexibility in every situation.

By the way --thank you for being flexible and patient as we seek to resolve problems with our worship center heating due to a malfunctioning air handler. We want to meet your expectation for a comfortable temperature in which to worship.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss



## 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!

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

**Offering 3/3/13 -  
\$32,960.96**

## Flower Sale

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.

## Gal Pals

**Sunday, March 10,  
after 11 a.m. service,  
O'Charley's, Miller Lane**  
Gal Pals are a group of women who are divorced, widowed or never married who meet once a month to share a meal. Join us! Contact Betty at ext. 104 for more info.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Thursday, March 14,  
6-8 p.m., Room 310  
(enter door #8)**

If you knit or crochet, we need you! If you want to learn how, we need you! Consider joining this important ministry! We meet once a month at church, but you can help by making Prayer Shawls at home also. All yarn is provided. Those who would like to work on hats are reminded to bring your Knifty Knitter. Contact Phyllis Rose at [rose.phyllis@att.net](mailto:rose.phyllis@att.net) or 278-3637.

## Kids Ministry at Salem Where kids come first!

### "The Bridge Service" Begins Today!

This new service starts this Sunday, March 10, in the Gathering Place for kids 3 years old - 6th grade. Sunday school teachers will drop children off at 10:15 a.m., they will have some rocking worship, puppets, and games! Parents can pick up kids at 10:50 a.m. A second hour Preschool service starts this Sunday as well at 11 a.m. All preschool kids are invited to stay in the Gathering Place with their leaders. For more information, contact [Craig](mailto:Craig) at ext. 112.



## Serve in Children's Ministry

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

## Go Be Do Reach

A big thank you to Salem's servant leaders who worked real hard this past week to impact our community. Stories were shared, hearts were moved, and lives were transformed, as a result of receiving and passing God's love. Looking forward to our next time together during the week of May 13-19. Mark your calendars!



## Women's Newsletter

The March issue of "The Spice" is available! Visit [SalemChurch.org](http://SalemChurch.org) / Get Connected / Women.

## Trailblazers Catered Luncheon & Program

**Thursday, March 14, 12 p.m., Salem Gathering Place**

You are invited to attend the Trailblazers' meeting and luncheon catered by Jerri's. Cost is \$7 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are not necessary. Everyone has a story or two. Come and "Tell Your Story!" We are a group of fun loving folks 55+. Bring a friend! Contact Ludena at 832-8707.

## Help us greet our guests on Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

Greeting our guests with a warm welcome and a friendly smile is one of the most important things we do at Salem. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk to assist or contact [Alisa](mailto:Alisa) at ext. 123.



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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.

