

# Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

March 9, 2012

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

It's a privilege to work with an outstanding Board of Elders at Salem. These men and women are deeply committed to Christ and His church. They meet quarterly with me, and the other pastors, to give oversight and accountability to the way we are accomplishing the stated objectives of Salem Church. We review trends in ministry growth and participation as well as the financial health of the church. In the alternate months, the Elders meet to pray for the ministry of Salem and to share invaluable insights and observations with me.



January 31 marked the completion of the terms of: Emily Esau, Richard Guittar, Tim Kegley, and Wayne Villelli. In February we welcomed new Elders: David Coble, David Cox, and Carolyn Guittar.

The February meeting was focused on praying for the ministry and sharing insights. The meeting began with the question, "What's going well at Salem?" Here is a bullet list of the Elders' responses:

- 140+ persons involved in outreach outside the walls! Yeah!
- Our music ministry is soaring and the use of Scripture in rehearsals is meaningful.
- Worship is a special time for the Salem family and we feel health, peace, and the presence of God in the Sunday service.
- Our Sunday school classes are strong. God's word is being studied and taught in meaningful ways.
- The Story series, in 2011, energized the church to be more engaged in Scripture. More people are joining classes as a result.
- The finances of the church are doing well -- in contrast to some of the scary times of recent years.
- There is obvious unity in the staff team. It is apparent that the staff like one another and enjoy working together.
- We are healthier and stronger as a church body and less susceptible to dysfunctional behavior in our midst.
- The First Impression Team has taken hospitality to a whole new level of excellence.
- The decor and "homey" touches around the building create an atmosphere that is warm and inviting.

I felt these positive comments were too good to keep to myself and thought it might encourage you to hear what the Elders are saying.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss

## 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 you visit our secure web page.

### Quick Links:

[SalemChurch.org](http://SalemChurch.org)  
[Prayer Request](#)  
[Audio Sermons Online](#)  
[Online Giving](#)

## Help Needed: Direct Traffic for Easter

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

## Bloom!

Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m.  
Church Lobby

Ladies, mark your calendar for Bloom! A special evening of celebration, conversation and connection. Contact Missy ext. 100.

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

## Tour Gospel Mission

**Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**-This is an opportunity to learn about the ministries at the Gospel Mission. You will be amazed how God is working for the needy at this location. Contact Jeanie at [RarickGJ@Gmail.com](mailto:RarickGJ@Gmail.com) or 833-4405 to let her know of your interest.

## Child Dedication

**Class - Sunday, April 1, 9:15 a.m., Wiggle Worship Area (balcony)**  
**Dedication - Sunday, 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Easter Worship Celebrations!

### Journey to the Cross

*A family-centered Easter experience*

**Friday, April 6, 6-7 p.m. & Saturday, April 7, noon-4 p.m.**

(Come and go between hours listed.) Through five stations, children and their families will experience the excitement surrounding Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, the discomfort of sin, the forgiveness of Jesus, the sacrifice Jesus made 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. 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! Childcare for ages 3 and younger will be available.



## Giving

**Weekly Need: \$34,815**

**Offering 3/4/12:  
\$47,884.82**

## 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)

## 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.

## Salem Sewing Ministries

### Sewing for Jesus

**Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Room 310**

You can make a difference in our World! Since 2003, this outreach ministry has distributed over 12,000 blankets worldwide! We invite you to join us in making flannel baby blankets for God's needy babies. All materials furnished. We need sewers and cutters. Sewers, please bring your machine. Enter Door 3 or 8. Contact [Barb](#) at 832-6348.

### Salem Support Our Troops

**Sat, March 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,  
Room 310**

Join us for the Hugs Project. As always, we need help from those who sew and those who don't. If you sew, bring your sewing machine and tan thread. Contact [Charlene](#) at 239-8563.



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

