

Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

May 11, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss



It's going to be a great Sunday at Salem!

This weekend we will continue our sermon series on the parables which Jesus used to convey truth for our lives. His use of these stories was so wise that we still ponder them these many centuries hence. So much of what we hear daily is quickly forgotten, but the imagery of Jesus' stories lives on in perpetual generations.

In communicating that he had come to accomplish something new in the world, Jesus used the metaphors of an old garment patched with new, unshrinking cloth and new wine poured into old wineskins. Together we will ponder the importance of discerning the difference between things that cannot be compromised and methodologies that must change with the times.

Some time ago I recommended a book by Gordon MacDonald entitled, *"Who Stole My Church? What to do when the church you love tries to enter the 21st century."*

It's a fictional story that mirrors the real experiences of many congregations today. You can read the unfolding discovery of a group of people who realized that the needs of all believers can be met without abandoning the foundations of faith. Several copies are available in the Community Center Bookstore in the lobby.

Are you ready for some newness at Salem? On Sunday I will update you on the good news about our contributions to the Refresh, Renew, and Restore Project. I will also share plans for summer worship changes as we begin the renovation.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

Are you new to Salem?

Join us for the next Salem Welcome Luncheon

Sunday, May 20, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., The Gathering Place

Are you new to Salem Church of God? Our pastors and directors would like to meet you! Join us for a relaxed, picnic-style lunch where we will share basic information about our church, our staff, our ministries, and the way we provide care to our congregation. Childcare will be provided after lunch. Contact Alisa at ext. 123 or adultministry@salemchurch.org

Parents of Prodigal Children

Wednesday evenings - June 6, 13, 20, July 11, 18, 25, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., Room 402

One of the deepest pains a parent can experience is watching their child stray from their faith and succumb to the lures of the world. If you find yourself in this situation, consider joining us as we share, comfort, and encourage. Two books, *Parenting Prodigals* by Phil Waldrep and *Prodigals and Those Who Love Them* by Ruth Bell Graham, will serve as references. Contact Jenny and Lee Vance at jenny423@woh.rr.com or 937-833-5877.

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 by [clicking here](#).

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Gal Pals

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 Ginny at 937-833-3443.

May 13 - No outing

June 10 - Spaghetti Warehouse,
36 West 5th. St., Dayton

July 8 - O'Charley's,
7030 Miller Lane, Dayton

Aug. 12 - Cracker Barrel,
7171 Miller Lane, Dayton

The Secret Sister Reveal Party

Sunday, May 20, After worship, Cafe

The secret sister reveal party will be May 20. Please RSVP to [Patty Ernst](#) or Ann Evans at 832-8111.

Remembering Dad

Saturday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Dayton Dragons Game

This is a free "just-for-guys" who have experienced the loss of their father. We will share the evening together in a luxury suite. All attendees will receive a Dayton Dragons' hat, food, beverages and maybe a little solace. Men will be able to share stories, offer a tribute to their dad, and get practical tips on overcoming grief or regret. Bring your old baseball memorabilia to help

Support Our Students...IYC Cookie Sale

Today, Sunday, May 13, before and after service in the lobby

The students will be selling homemade cookies this Sunday, before and after service, to help with their trip to the "International Youth Convention" to Denver, CO on July 3. Pick up a plate of a variety of delicious chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal, and etc. for your mom, yourself, or for both, before they all disappear.

Camp Marengo

Summer is fast approaching and Camp Marengo (just north of Columbus) is coming up too! This camp offers something for kids from 3rd - 12th grade. Salem Children's Ministry will be offering scholarships for kids in the 3rd - 6th grade. Packets are available in the information racks in the lobby. You can also contact [Craig](#) at ext. 112.

Salem 5K

Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m.

Attention runners and walkers! The 10th Annual Salem 5k Run/Walk will be held June 9. Pre-register until May 21. Register on-line at <http://www.alliancerunning.com/salem5k.htm> or pick up entry forms from the info rack in the lobby or request a copy by emailing Salem5k@yahoo.com. Enter by May 21 and the cost is only \$15 with a shirt or \$10 without a shirt. We also need volunteers to work the event. If you would like to help, contact Salem5k@yahoo.com or Doug Norton at (937) 232-3774. Proceeds will benefit New Family Tree, a ministry that assists young adults as they age out of foster care.

Empty Nesters Annual Memorial Day Breakfast

Monday, May 28, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Millridge Village Community Center-Bring your favorite breakfast item and join the Empty Nesters for a morning of food, fellowship and fun. We welcome John R. Keller, the father of Nancy (Lynn) Murray, as he shares his stories and experiences of his tour of duty while stationed in Wharton, England in the Army Air Core during World War II. A special invitation is extended to any "new" Empty Nesters and anyone who has not joined us in the past for this fun gathering. Sign up May 13, 20, 27 in the lobby. Contact Steve/Kathie at 937-583-5003.

Spring Remembrance Butterfly Release Service

Friday, June 15, 6-7 pm, Salem Church Prayer Garden-Join with others as we honor the lives and memories of our loved ones. In this unique outdoor remembrance, you will be able to release your own Painted Lady butterfly. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by June 1 to j.rader@salemchurch.org or thomas.kehr@vitas.com.

Navajo Outreach Trip Informational Meeting

Meeting - Sunday, May 20, following worship, Room 106

Trip - September 9-15, 2012

Come to a short meeting about the outreach trip to Arizona to assist Robin & Faith Jelle with their Navajo Ministry. The Jelles are Salem Church of God missionaries who have worked with the Navajos since the early 1990s. We will work on the inside of the Bunk House at the Jelle Homestead and further our relationships with the people at the Navajo church which is serviced by the Jelles. Contact Jeanie at RarickGJ@gmail.com or 833-4405 with any questions and/or comments.

Heart to Honduras Meeting

Meeting - Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m., The Gathering Place

There will be a meeting this Tuesday May 15 for those going on this mission trip or those interested in learning about this trip. We will also be collecting hygiene supplies and medications. Please place the items in the bins in across from the family outreach center in the RAC. Contact info@salemchurch.org for more info

tell your story, bring your sons, and bring yourself to this FREE event! RSVP with a \$10 refundable deposit. Contact [Janet Rader](#) at 937-836-6500 or [Thomas Kehr](#) at 937-299-5379.

Giving

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 5/6/12: \$41,879.14



Salem Supporting Our Troops

Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sewing Room (#310)

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

Walk 4Life! Miami Valley Women's Center

Saturday, May 19

The WALK 4LIFE is a 2 mile, fundraising, family event that celebrates Life! The WALK 4LIFE is held every year on the weekend after Mother's Day. Walker check-in: 9 a.m. Walk program begins at 9:50 a.m. Contact Lynda Windsor at atijwindsor@juno.com or go to [check out their webpage.](#)



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