

Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

April 13, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss



What a tremendous resurrection celebration we had on Easter Sunday! As our congregation worshipped with such enthusiasm, I was thinking about how pleased our Lord must be to see His church worshipping in that way! Easter at Salem was truly an experience to remember!

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your willingness to take the risk of inviting others to the Easter celebration. One family had seventeen guests! I heard many other stories of those who brought guests that were positively impacted with the warmth and the message of faith at Salem.

Others experienced the disappointment of their invitation being rejected. Let me thank you, as well. I know that at times there is a sense of futility in inviting someone to your church when the invitation is ignored. Please remember that the Lord isn't finished with that person yet. Your invitation to Salem may still be accepted at some future date.

The Bible reminds us: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9).

Thank you, Salem family, for your many expressions of love and hospitality to all who entered our doors last weekend. You were the living ambassadors of our purpose statement. **"Salem exists to help people experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ and to lead them to express that love to others who will also be transformed."**

Thanks for the role you played in helping others to experience God's love.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss

Upcoming Classes and Events

Baptism Preparation Experience

Baptisms will be Sundays: May 6, August 26 (in the pond), November 18
Interested in finding out more? Join us on April 22 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in room 209 for the Adult Baptism Class

Baptism by immersion is a first step for the new believer. The term baptism means to immerse. Immersion of believers is the only form of baptism that is indicated in the New Testament. Through baptism, the new believer witnesses to a new spiritual dimension in his or her life. Baptism is also a witness to the church that the new believer is a part of its fellowship and work and to family and friends that he or she is now an active participant in the Christian community (Mark 1; Matthew 28; Acts 2:38). If you would like to be baptized or have questions please contact . . .

Children: Jody Curtis, Associate Director of Children's Ministry - ext. 111
Students: Wes Duff, Student Pastor - ext. 102
Adults: Alisa Harkless, Associate Director of Adult Ministry - ext. 123

Navajo Outreach Trip

September 9 - 15

We are going back to the Navajo Reservation to assist Robin & Faith Jelle to work on the inside of the Bunk House and further our relationships with the Navajos. We will work on walls and painting. We also need cooks. Recruitment is being held in the lobby on Sundays April 15 and 22. Stop by the table to learn more and to sign up for this exciting trip. Call or e-mail Jeanie Rarick for

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 can visit our secure web page by [clicking here](#).

Quick Links:

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Missions Fundraisers

Uptown Hair Studio..

Cut-A-Thon!

April 22, 1-3 p.m.

Support Team Slovakia by getting your hair cut! The 8-member team will be traveling to Eastern Europe this summer to teach English and reach out to those far from God. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased in advance from one of the team members: Pastor Joe Cookston, Pastor Wes Duff, Kelly Froebe, Heather Harkless, John Kettering, Abby Shepard, Kellie Galvin, and Brad Mittlesteadt.

Wooden Salem Replicas

Gaulke Circle is selling wooden replicas of the church. See any member or 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.

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 ljwindsor@juno.com or go to <http://miamivalleywomenscenter.org/walk4life.html>

questions at 937-833-4405 or RarickGJ@gmail.com.

Martha's Ministry Is Expanding

Martha's Ministry is an expression of being good stewards of the beautiful church home God has blessed us with by helping to keep it clean and in good shape for "guests." Martha's Ministry was initially started to help keep the church kitchens clean and well equipped; but WE'RE EXPANDING! As you know, Pastor Moss and the leadership team has asked the congregation to participate in the **Refresh - Renew - Restore Project** which will enable us to make upgrades to our church home due to the \$100,000 grant from Fred M. Luther Charitable Trust. This is very exciting! If you can spare 2 to 3 hours only four times a year to help keep our church home clean and presentable for guests. Contact Missy at ext. 100.

Gospel Mission Change

Because of an excess of help with other churches on the first Tuesday of each month, our Salem team of volunteers is changing from the first Tuesday to the first THURSDAY of each month beginning in May, 2012. We can use some more help from our Salem congregation on that evening from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Contact Jeanie at RarickGJ@gmail.com of your availability. Thank you for considering this outreach opportunity.

Discipleship Mentoring

Which of these describes you: You show up at church every Sunday, or you are a real disciple of Christ? There's a big difference! Consider becoming a disciple of Christ. You'll (a) learn what Christ taught, (b) understand those teachings with the help of a personal mentor so you can internalize those teachings, and (c) learn how to lead others to follow Christ as well. Contact Sylvia Miller at sylviamiller@woh.rr.com or at 937-671-5267 for details.

Retreat to the Cove with Christians Broadcasting Hope (CBH)

October 14-17

Come and experience something completely different. This is an event, a venue, a chance to be refreshed and renewed in a new way. Each year, the ministry team at CBH, together with special guests from all over the world, hosts a three -day retreat in North Carolina. What others are saying: *"It's been a wonderful, restful time for us. A time to contemplate God's will for our lives. A time to meet brothers and sisters in Christ from around the country. A time to talk with each other about our hopes and our plans and our joys with our family."* Contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org or you can find brochure in the lobby.

Bloom! For Women Of All Ages



Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m., Salem Church lobby
Cost is \$5.00 (guests free), RSVP by April 18.

An evening of inspiration and friendship for women of all ages, featuring stories of God's love in the lives of Salem women. Please RSVP for you and your guests by April 18. Sign-up on Sundays in the lobby or [click here to RSVP](#).



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

Giving

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 4/8/12: \$40,079.44

Salem Bike Ride

Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m., meet behind Rob's Restaurant (Brookville)

Check your air pressure and put on your helmets, it's time to ride again! For those bike enthusiasts, we will meet on Saturday morning, May 12 (weather permitting). We will ride out toward Verona and back. You can set your own pace. Helmets are strongly recommended and children need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact

Craig at ext. 112 or
mensministry@salemchurch.org.

Note from Salem Parish Health Ministry National Drug Take Back Day

On April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. area police departments and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse, theft and accidental drug overdose by ridding your home of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. [Click here to find locations to dispose of your unwanted prescriptions.](#)

Hugs Project

Supports Our Troops

Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Room #310
(enter Door #8)

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 clkaiser@woh.rr.com or 239-8563.