

Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

April 20, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss

Some time ago I had a conversation with an elderly person in our congregation who said, "Pastor, I hope you are aware that there were many people who sacrificed a lot in order to provide this place of worship."

"Yes" I replied. "There were many who made incredible sacrifices in order for Salem Church of God to survive some great financial hurdles in the past. I am told that some families refinanced their homes, gave the money to the church, and then dutifully repaid the loans on their homes."

She smiled and nodded, content in the knowledge that I was indeed aware of these great sacrifices. It's now part of the "family story" of Salem.

Fast-forward to 2012. Those of us who worship at Salem today are the recipients of the sacrifices of those who went before us. Now we are blessed with a wonderful and versatile church facility, but one greatly in need of refurbishment.

Enter the REFRESH, RENEW, RESTORE emphasis. We've challenged our congregation to match the amazing \$100,000 grant we received last year to address church facility needs. We believe that those who worship here should be as much, or more enthused about meeting the needs as was our external benefactor.

On April 29, we will receive the final gifts and commitments to REFRESH, RENEW, RESTORE. By that date we hope that everyone in our congregation will have made a sacrificial gift, or at least have indicated their intention to give during the remainder of 2012. As a low-key, no-pressure initiative, we are simply asking everyone who calls Salem "home" to give a gift or make a commitment that you consider to be generous. The amounts will vary according to the situation in each household.



We're using the New Testament principle found in 2 Corinthians 8:11-12: *"Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have."*

I'm excited to see the results of our challenge to match the grant. To date, we have received \$37,366.50 in cash with another \$16,000+ being promised. This means that we are still \$46,600 away from matching the grant. We can do this!

Commitment cards will be available again on Sunday. I'm hopeful and eager to see the results of our combined generosity, and I am sure you are as well.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss



My Commitment to Refresh-Renew-Restore		
Yes, I want to support this special project to Refresh • Renew • Restore my church.		
Name _____		
Envelope # _____		
I am able to give a one-time gift \$ _____ or		
I will give \$ _____ per month by the end of 2012 for a total of \$ _____ to this project.		
	6500 Southway Road Clayton, Ohio 45315 (937) 836-6500 www.SalemChurch.org	Please place this card in the offering plate on Sunday or return to the Church office. Gifts can be added to your regular offering envelope on the "other line" by writing "RRR" and the amount.

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](#).

Thank You

On Saturday, April 14, in the rain, over 25 people showed up to spread 40 yards of mulch around the church building and in the Prayer Garden. Thank you to those who served!

Helping Hands would like to thank those who supported the Bob Evans event. There will be another one June 10 & 11.

Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy being outdoors? We are looking for volunteers to help with outside lawn maintenance from May - September. If are interested and would like to help or are already helping please contact [Missy](#) at ext. 100.

Giving

Weekly Need: \$34,815
Offering 4/15/12: \$33,062.66

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.

Elder-Beerman Community Days
April 27 & 28

Help Support missions with Helping Hands Circle. Purchase a coupon booklet

Baptism Preparation Experience

Baptisms will be Sundays: May 6, August 26 (in the pond), November 18

Baptism by immersion is a first step for the new believer. 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 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 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 this Sunday April 22. Stop by the table to learn more and to sign up for this exciting trip. Call or e-mail Jeanie Rarick for 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. 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 four times a year to help keep our church home clean and presentable for guests. Contact [Missy](#) at ext. 100.

First Impressions Ministry Team

One of the most important things we do at Salem is provide a warm welcome and a friendly smile to our guests. First Impressions team members help create a hospitable environment that welcomes all people to the Salem campus so that they feel like they belong and will understand how to connect with the facility, people and the programs offered. Would you like to join the team? If so, contact [Alisa](#) at ext. 123.

Support Our Students...

IYC Car Wash & Cookie Sale

There are 2 fundraisers that our students will be involved in to help with their trip to the International Youth Convention to Denver on July 3.

Car Wash, Saturday, May 5, Kindred Funeral Home, 9 a.m. - noon (weather permitting)

Cookie Sale, Mother's Day, May 13, before and after service in the lobby

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.

Bloom! For Women Of All Ages

Thurs., April 26, 7 p.m., Church lobby, Cost is \$5 (guests free), RSVP by April 22

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 22. Sign-up on Sundays in the lobby or [click here to RSVP](#).



Everyone is invited to join us for our National Day of Prayer service. We will join with Salem Christian Academy in the Worship Center for music and a meaningful time of prayer. If you are unable to attend, please join us by praying. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." - *Psalms 33:12*

for \$5 donation. You'll receive a coupon for \$10 off a purchase of \$10 or more, specially priced merchandise offers and a coupon for 10-20% off regular & sale prices. To get a booklet, contact Harriet Coppock @ 277-4402 or Patty Ernst @ 833-2266.

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 atljwindsor@juno.com or go to [check out their webpage](#).

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 ormensministry@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.](#)



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

