

# Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

April 27, 2012

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



The United States Congress has designated the first Thursday of May as the **National Day of Prayer**. The modern law formalizing this observance was enacted in 1952, but the origins of this day can be traced back to a mandate by George Washington.

On this annual day of prayer, American citizens gather in churches, public squares, at county courthouses and various other places. Those assembled bow their heads and pray together, asking God to bless our nation, to guide our leaders, and to deepen their personal resolve to live as godly citizens.

This year, the Salem church congregation will observe the National Day of Prayer in a combined chapel service with the Salem Christian Academy students, staff and parents, **from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 3**. We will meet for a 30-minute prayer service in the main worship auditorium and we would be honored to have a large number of people from our congregation participate.

If you are unable to meet at 8:30 a.m., you are invited to participate in the community prayer service at **noon at the Englewood Government Center**, 333 West National Road.

Everyone is busy. Why should we make the effort to attend one of these services on National Day of Prayer? Charles Kingsley said it best: "There are two freedoms-the false, where one is free to do what he or she likes; the true, where you are free to do what you ought."

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

## Quick Links:

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

## Trailblazers Catered Luncheon and Program

Thursday, May 10, Noon  
Salem Gathering Place

We invite you to join this friendly group of mostly retired folks for fun and fellowship. The luncheon catered by Rob's will be a fried chicken meal. Cost \$7 per person, payable at door. Reservations not necessary. Sgt. Nicholas A. Temple will talk about the Cultural Experiences of a Young Solider. WW II vets may be interested in hearing how today's U.S. soldiers interact with the current Japanese Army. Contact Herm at 832-6348.

## 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 4/22/12: \$26,030.98



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." -Psalm 33:12*

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](mailto:adultministry@salemchurch.org)

### Book Signing Author at Salem this Sunday

Kevin Wayne Johnson will be at Salem this Sunday for a book signing. Stop by the tables in the lobby to view his books and devotionals.

### 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 with your teenage or adult child, please consider joining us as we share, comfort, and encourage parents of prodigal children. 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](mailto:jenny423@woh.rr.com) or 937-833-5877.

### 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](mailto: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 information rack in the lobby or request a copy by emailing [Salem5k@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Missions Fundraiser

BBQ Chicken Dinner

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 [atljwindsor@juno.com](mailto:atljwindsor@juno.com) or go to [check out their webpage.](http://www.walk4life.com)

### 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](mailto: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.](#)

### Sewing for Jesus

The Sewing for Jesus team will not be sewing on April 30. We will resume on May 7. Contact Barb at 832-6348 or [orsewingforjesus@yahoo.com](mailto:orsewingforjesus@yahoo.com).

### Refresh - Renew - Restore

Remember this Sunday, April 29 is the day we've targeted to receive the **Refresh Renew Restore** offering and commitments. Your generous response will help us match the grant we received and propel us forward in refurbishing our facility.

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 <a href="http://www.SalemChurch.org">www.SalemChurch.org</a>	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.

**Refresh Renew Restore** cards are located at the end of each pew in the Worship Center. These cards can be dropped in the offering plate or in the offering box located in the lobby.



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