

Experiencing the transforming love of Jesus  
Expressing that love to others

# Salem Happenings

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**Welcome**... We are glad you have chosen to join us for worship today. Please take a moment during your visit to complete a Communication Card found in the pews. If you have any questions, stop by the Welcome Center, contact us at [info@salemchurch.org](mailto:info@salemchurch.org) or 937-836-6500. We look forward to getting to know you better as we support and encourage each other in our spiritual journeys!

### Curious how to get connected?

- There are many ways to receive information from Salem...
- Email [info@salemchurch.org](mailto:info@salemchurch.org) to receive our weekly e-newsletter.
  - Check out our website at [www.SalemChurch.org](http://www.SalemChurch.org).
  - Pick up a Salem Connection located in the information racks.



April 5, 2013

**Building Tour**  
Today!

Check out the  
**CHOG March**  
Newsletter at  
[www.chog.org](http://www.chog.org)

Check it out!  
[SalemChurch.org](http://SalemChurch.org)

Click on the "get connected" tab and scroll through the different areas. Listen online to teachings, submit a prayer request and more!

**Giving:**  
Weekly Need -  
\$32,780

Offering 3/31/13  
\$30,132.34

**Secret Sister  
Reveal  
Luncheon**

Sunday, April 14,  
12:30 p.m.,  
The Gathering Place  
Reservations need to be made by Sunday, April 7. Contact Ann Evans at 832-8111.

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

This Sunday I will continue our new series: **RESTORING HOPE**. Many people came to visit Salem last Sunday, looking for hope. They hope that God will accept them, and they hope the people in the church will accept them, too. Each of us, as imperfect people, has the opportunity to demonstrate love, acceptance, and forgiveness to those who return this week. I firmly believe that those who experience our love and acceptance will have discovered the first step to restoring hope in their lives.

Maybe you are one who's spent much of your life believing that you just don't do Christianity right. Maybe you've been focused on your imperfection instead of God's fondness for the imperfect. Jesus demonstrated God's enjoyment of loving the moral misfits, the religious incompetents and men and women whose lives are a mess.

In his book, *Messy Spirituality*, author Mike Yaconelli says, "Many of those who attend our church have always wanted to go to church, wanted to know God better, longed for a better relationship with Jesus, but more often than not, they would end up at a church where they were made to feel as if the "mess" of their lives disqualified them from the possibility of an authentic spiritual life."

Restoring Hope is an attempt to open your eyes to the deep spirituality of being loved, shortcomings and all, by the God who meets you and transforms you in the midst of a messy and unpredictable life.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss



## Building Tour

**Today Sunday, April 7, Following first and second service, meet in the NEXT Place**  
Join us after the service for a tour of the building! We know that understanding how to navigate the church campus goes a long way in helping you feel comfortable at Salem Church of God. Additionally, this is a great way to find out more about the classes, events, and ministries of this church. Contact [Alisa](#) at ext. 123.

## New Sunday Study for Women to Women

**Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Room 402**  
On April 7, the Women to Women class begins "The Magnificent Obsession" study by Anne Graham Lotz. In this seven-session study on Genesis 12-22, we'll follow Abraham, an ordinary man who pursued God in a life of obedient faith, despite struggling with the same things we do today...compromise, fear, family, quarrels, failure, doubt, and disappointment. Learn Anne's simple Bible study method and join other women as we seek to deepen our friendship with the Lord. Study books available in class for \$10.

## Disaster Relief Work Camp (Hurricane Sandy)

Salem Church is partnering with Ohio Ministries of the Church of God to put together a team of workers (women and men), who would be willing to go on a weeklong trip (May 5-11) and provide help to the community. Jobs will include installation of drywall, painting, window and door trim. We will be hosted by the First Church of God, Far Rockaway N.Y. Contact Nabil Safi [n.safi@salemchurch.org](mailto:n.safi@salemchurch.org)



## Salem

### Trailblazers

Thursday, April 11, 12 p.m. The Salem Gathering Place

Mark Snow will entertain us. He will sing songs by numerous artists spanning several decades. The meal will be catered by Rob's, \$7 per person, payable at the door. Reservations not required. We are a group of fun-loving 55+ folks. Contact Ludena at 832-8707.

### Gospel Mission Tour

Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m. -1:30 pm.

Learn how God is working at the Gospel Mission. Hear how this 100-year old mission continues to work with the needy. Providing meals, Bible and computer classes, and children's programs. We can carpool from Salem.

Contact Jeanie at 833-4405 or RarickGJ@gmail.com

### Walk for Life

Saturday, May 18

Help save the lives of babies by joining the Miami Valley Women's Center in their annual Walk 4Life. It is a 2-mile walk. You can be a walker or sponsor a walker. Last year 455 girls chose life. Stop by the table in the lobby or contact Lynda Windsor ljwindsor@juno.com

### Mulch Day

Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us on April 27 to beautify the grounds around the church. We will be bringing in mulch and we need your help spreading it. Bring your wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, forks or your favorite tool for spreading mulch. We plan on having a good time working together. Contact Ron & Sharlene Wyss at 832-1945.

## Women's Ministry Girl's Night Out

Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m., Rob's Restaurant, Brookville

\$10 (includes buffet, drink and tip)

Take a break from your busy schedules and enjoy a delicious dinner, wonderful conversation, and a whole lot of fun. Registration forms may found at the Welcome Desk or on the Salem website. Please drop-off your registration with payment on Sunday mornings in the box located at the Welcome Desk or through the week in the church office by Sunday, April 21. For more information contact Missy at ext. 100.

## Great Date Night

Friday, May 3, 7-9 p.m., \$20 per couple

Guest entertainer Mark Cable, singer and humorist, dessert bar

Take your special someone on a date! Enjoy everyday-life songs and off the wall humor. Laugh, unwind, be encouraged. Bonus: Salem Kids Ministry is hosting "Lulliloo" an elementary age lock-in. **Register today in the lobby!** Contact Missy at ext. 100 or [info@salemchurch.org](mailto:info@salemchurch.org).

## Lulliloo - Elementary Lock-In

Friday, May 3, 6 p.m. - Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m.

Cost is \$10 by April 21, (discounts for multiple children) After April 21, \$15 for first child

Ages kindergarten - 6th grade

On Friday, May 3, we are doing something so audacious, so courageous, that many thought it couldn't be done! We will be having our first ever Lulliloo lock-in for all elementary students. Invite a friend, get excited, and pack a toothbrush for a Salem Kids party ALL. NIGHT. LONG. **Register today in the lobby!** Contact Craig at ext. 112 or [kidmin@salemchurch.org](mailto:kidmin@salemchurch.org) for more information.



## Women's Newsletter

The April issue of "The Spice" is available at [SalemChurch.org/Women](http://SalemChurch.org/Women)

**A NIGHT of Worship**  
Sunday, April 28, 6:30 p.m., Salem Church of God

## Salem Profile ...

### Getting to know your staff

#### David Boots

**WHAT I DO AT SALEM:** Pastor of Music and Worship Arts since fall 2011

**IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS:** Will have been married to my wife Michelle for 29 years in May

**WHERE YOU WERE BORN:** Ellwood City, PA

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT SALEM:** The blended worship and a church that still values a choir and orchestra

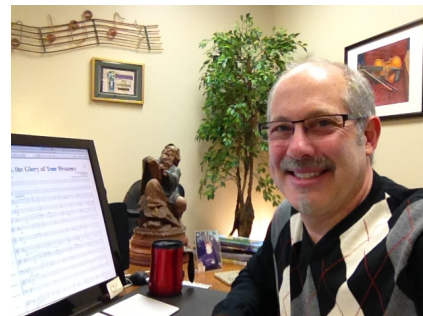
**IF I HAD PURSUED A DIFFERENT CAREER:** Teaching

**FAVORITE SECULAR MUSIC/PERFORMER:** a tie- John Tesh and Yanni

**FAVORITE TV PROGRAM:** another tie- "NCIS" and "Blue Bloods"

**FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS:** Pittsburgh Steelers

**IN 5 YEARS, I HOPE TO BE:** Finished with my master's degree and finished with a new worship album.



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