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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 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 to receive our weekly e-newsletter.
 - Check out our website at www.SalemChurch.org.
 - Pick up a Salem Connection located in the information racks.



May 17, 2013

Church Picnic
Sunday, June 9
12 p.m.

**Salem 5K
Run/Walk**
June 15
Early
Registration by
May 27

**Church of
God
Global
Gathering**
June 22-25
Anderson, IN

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Not A Sermon, Just A Thought

Perspective is a word describing the way one sees or perceives things. Artists know the importance of proper perspective in depicting objects on canvas. Things that are closer are painted or drawn as bigger than objects far away.

Another use of the word perspective refers to the state of one's ideas or mental impressions. For instance, you need to live in a community for several years to see local conditions in perspective.

The root of the word means "to see." From that word we derive spectacles (glasses), and inspect. The science of optics finds its roots in this word.

In matters of faith, perspective gives us the ability to compare. For example, the Apostle Paul often gave a lesson on perspective by comparing earthly trials to heavenly rewards. He said, *"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us"* Romans 8:18 (NIV). That's eternal perspective.

As a pastor, I am keenly aware of how perspective affects attitudes in congregational life. I have found two general kinds of perspective to be present in each congregation I have served, with the exception of the church plant in Wyoming (which had no history preceding me).

There are those with the **rearview perspective**. These are persons who feel that the present ministry of the church is not as good as in the past. Another group can be described as those with **forward perspective**. These are individuals who believe that present things are not as good as they will be in the future.

The most important lesson I've learned about perspective, personally, is that once lost or compromised, it can be regained. Sometimes difficult circumstances overwhelm us and cause us to lose perspective. That's when we need to remember that stepping back and spending time with the Lord almost always helps us to see matters from a new point of view.

Have you lost perspective about your life, your job, your family, or your church? Remember that stepping away from your stressful routine to spend time with the Lord is a proven way to regain a proper perspective. Let the Scripture renew your eternal perspective through the writings of the great Apostle Paul. *"...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength."* Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV)

Pastor Moss



All-Church Family Picnic
Salem Family Experience (SFX)

Sunday, June 9, After 2nd Service, Salem Picnic Shelter

Let's have a summer picnic with your Salem Church family! Bring: salads, sides, mains, desserts to share with your church family. Other stuff: lawn chairs, fishing poles, lawn games, table service. Drinks provided. **Invite your friends and join us!!**

Giving:

Weekly Need -
\$32,780

Offering 5/12/13
\$47,021.57

SCA Teacher Position

Teacher position opening at Salem Christian Academy for the 2013-14 school year. Please forward your information to SCAPrincipal@aol.com or drop it off at the school office.

Community Table Fundraiser at Bob Evans

Sunday May 19, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., both Englewood and Clayton locations. Stop by the information desk to pick up a flyer or see Deb Stahl or Mary Wright. Flyer must be presented at time of payment.

Women of the Word

Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Meet in various members' homes

Our motto is "Serving Children and Women." We support Children of Promise and other projects. Contact Sherry Hoying at 937-836-4070.

Gaulke Circle

Third Wednesday of the month, Pearson House, West Milton, 12:30 p.m.

We are a group of women who focus on missionary work. We welcome all ages as well as mothers with young children. Contact Nancy Peters at 673-8715.

Arizona Outreach Trip - Sign up this Sunday

Trip dates - September 8-14, 2013

This outreach trip will be to assist Robin and Faith Jelle, missionaries to the Navajos. During this trip we will work to complete the Chapel and a couple of areas inside the bunkhouse. Men who have worked in construction with strong backs and willing hearts are needed. Women will be able to assist in several areas also as plans are made to further our relationship with the Navajos. Stop by the table in the lobby this Sunday. Contact Glen and Jeanie Rarick at 833-4405 or RarickGJ@Gmail.com.

Serve in the Nursery

We are looking for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, and/or teens who would like to help take care of the young ones in the nursery. First and second hour are in need of people willing to serve once a month. If you would like to join this team of caregivers, contact Craig at ext. 112 or kidmin@salemchurch.org.

Visitation Team Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 7:00 p.m., Room 315

You are invited to a meeting where the Salem visitation program will be discussed. This will be an informal time to share ideas and set a pattern for future visitation ministries. For more information, contact Pastor Roger Dean at revandcj@woh.rr.com or 884-7434.

Conversation Peace: The Power of Transformed Speech

Tuesday mornings beginning June 11, 9:30 - 11 a.m., Room 402

Join us as we take a look at seven Biblical principles to help women revolutionize their speech habits positively, avoid sharing gossip, throwing negative barbs, or snapping sarcastic replies throughout everyday life. Discover how you can improve your relationships by allowing God's Word to transform your heart. Class facilitators are Sherry Hoying and Brenda Kilgore.

Empty Nester's Annual Memorial Day Breakfast

Monday, May 27, 9 a. m.-12 p.m., Mill Ridge Community Center

Sign-up in the lobby this Sunday, May 12 and Sunday, May 19

Carolyn Dean will share her gift of music (on the marimba) with some easy listening favorites, familiar gospel songs and patriotic tunes. Bring a favorite breakfast item to share and enjoy a morning of food, fellowship and fun. Contact Steve/Kathie Troehler at 937-583-5003.

Church of God Global Gathering

June 22-25, Anderson, Indiana

From June 22-25, 2013, Church of God people from around the globe will convene in Anderson, Indiana for the Global Gathering. This event will be an experience like none other. We will celebrate our global connection in Christ, and equip the body of Christ to meet the needs of a changing world. There will be worship services in multiple languages, dynamic speakers from inside and outside the Church of God, special music presentations representing the broad spectrum of world cultures, opportunities for fellowship and networking with our global partners, and dialogue with ministers from around the world about issues that affect everyone-regardless of nationality, culture, or location. Come! Meet your global family! We will stand together as the body of Christ, and we'll take what we've learned and experienced back to our local spheres of ministry! Visit www.chog.org for more information and to register. **Salem is sponsoring 3 people from around the world to attend this gathering!**



Salem 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 15, 2013, 9 a.m., Salem Church of God

Pre-registration by May 27-\$15 with a shirt or \$10 without a shirt

Salem Church of God is hosting its 11th annual Salem 5K Run/Walk in Clayton, OH on Saturday, June 15. The race has quickly become one of the top 5K's in the state, drawing many of the top runners in Southwest and Central Ohio. More importantly it is an awesome family event. This year the proceeds from this event will benefit Salem's Outreach Ministries. These teams touch the lives of individuals in the greater Dayton area, nationally and internationally. To register online go to www.alliancerunning.com and click on the "races" tab at the top, then scroll down to June 15. This website includes the course map, records and the results. Pre-registration by May 27 is \$15 with a shirt or \$10 without a shirt (all pre-registered runners are eligible for door prizes!). Race day registration is \$20 (t-shirt not guaranteed). Medals will be awarded to top 3 in each age group. Contact Doug Norton at 937-232-3774 or zoomie52@yahoo.com.



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If you have a medical emergency and need to contact a staff person after office hours please call 614-849-1639.

