

Salem Happenings

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This Week at Salem Church of God

May 4, 2012

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss



Think about the people in your life who encouraged you and empowered you to pursue your dreams. It may have been your grandparents, your parents, a mentor, or someone who provided you significant financial support. What would your life be like today without the help you received from those who cared about you?

Some persons reading this article grieve their never-realized dreams for lack of that kind of help. Others are grateful for the persons who gave them an important "boost" in life.

Have you ever considered your role in helping young people pursue their dreams? Can believers really make an impact that may affect this AND future generations?

May is Foster Care Awareness Month. It's an important time for the family of God to reflect and increase our understanding of the dilemma faced by a huge number of youngsters in our society.

I strongly encourage you to [click here](#) to hear a Focus on the Family broadcast - featuring Pastor Bob Coy, a powerful speaker on this subject. He describes how the congregation he serves determined to help provide solutions to the foster care crisis in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. You'll find it on the May 2nd broadcast entitled: Ending the Wait for Foster Care.

During the month of May, each worship service will bring an element of focus on foster care. It may be through a prayer, a testimony, or some words of encouragement. We are grateful for the ministry of New Family Tree that has arisen from the efforts of persons at Salem whose hearts have been moved to address the plight of vulnerable children.

Enthusiastically,
Pastor Moss

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.

Martha's Ministry Is Expanding

We still need 10 volunteers that would like to help 2-3 hours four times a year to help keep our church home looking at its best. This will be spring cleaning type jobs. The more volunteers the more fellowship that can be done while cleaning. Bigger teams mean bigger jobs that can be accomplished. Contact [Missy @ ext. 100](#).

Giving

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 4/29/12: \$24,283.90

BBQ Chicken Dinner Pick-Up Today

May 6, 11:30-1:00

Pick up your BBQ chicken dinners in the gym this Sunday after service. You can eat in or take out. There will be extra dinners for sale if you forgot to purchase yours ahead time.

Dinners \$6.50. All proceeds will go towards missions and outreach.

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

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.

Parents of Prodigal Children

Wednesdays - 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 or 937-833-5877.

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.

10th Annual Salem 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m.

Attention runners and walkers! 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. 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 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.

Empty Nester Annual Memorial Day Breakfast

Monday, May 28, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Millridge Village Sign-ups begin Sunday, May 13 at for our annual Memorial Day Breakfast. Join us!

Love Gift for Our Missionaries in Paraguay

In memory of Julie and Timmy Kurrle, the wife and son of our missionary in Paraguay, we want to send a love gift to the family as a token of our support to help them with the funeral expenses. If you feel led to participate in this gift, please send your contribution to the church office before May 15. Contact Nabil Safi at n.safi@salemchurch.org.

Celebrating What God is Doing Through Salem Missions

Operation Rebirth Gets A Facelift

Through a collaborated effort, Operation Rebirth received a much needed cosmetic work over. New carpet throughout the dormitory, classroom and library, a laminate floor in the living room along with a new paint job throughout gave the residential young boys a real treat to come back to from Spring Break. Updated furniture and entertainment items completed the project. A big thank you to Salem COG, M & S Flooring, Richmond (IN) Carpet Outlet, Arnell Fast (Van Wert OH), Slayer's Boat Restoration and New Victory Baptist Church, Jamestown, KY who made this all possible.

Blankets Distributed in Guatemala

Upon receipt of items from Salem's Sewing team, Daryl Fulp, Director of Hope for Home ministries in Guatemala writes: *"They are a great success! You would think it was Christmas Day watching the children respond. They immediately put on their hats and clutched their blankets with huge smiles. I want to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who was involved in making these! They are such a blessing!"* Contact Barb at 832-6348 or sewingforjesus@yahoo.com.



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click here to read more ...

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 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.

The Community Center

The Community Center offers a large selection of Christian resources for yourself, your family, and your small group. Like a library, you can check DVD studies out of the Community Center! We would love to help you find just what you are looking for. Stop by this Sunday and check it out!



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

