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# Salem Happenings

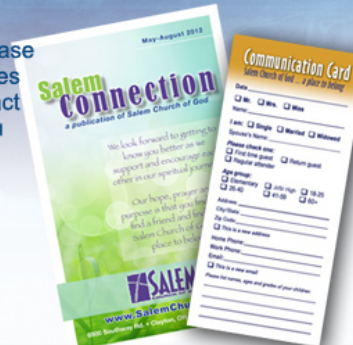
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**Welcome** ... We are glad you have chosen to join us for worship today. Please take a moment during your visit to complete a Communication Card found on the tables at the back of the gym. If you have any questions, stop by the Welcome Center, contact 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 info 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 info racks.



June 29, 2012

## MOVE OUT July 9-14

MOVE OUT 2012 is a local outreach trip. Breiel Church, River Hills Church and Salem Church of God are coming together for a week of loving people in the Dayton area. We will serve Monday through Friday, July 9-13 and celebrate Saturday, July 14 at the Salem Summer Bash. Contact Wes Duff at [w.duff@salemchurch.org](mailto:w.duff@salemchurch.org)

### Donations needed!

MOVE OUT is quickly approaching and we need your help! Could you donate some grocery items? Stop by the table Sunday to pick up a list. Items may be dropped at the MOVE OUT table Sundays.

### Giving:

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 6/24/12:  
\$29,023.42

### OneHeart Thank You

OneHeart Ministry is eternally grateful to the generous people of Salem

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

In a few days we will celebrate our nation's birthday. Birthdays are always a good time for reflection and I ask you to reflect with me on the spiritual life of our nation today.

We are living in a nation in which our conduct is being governed, not by the moral laws of God, but by the popular culture of our times. Constant references are made to our feelings about "fairness" as being the operative, but subjective, principle by which our decisions are to be guided.

People wrongly assume it is possible to have morality without God, but the whole underpinning and basis of morality is the existence of God.

In his farewell address to the nation, President George Washington said, "Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion."

If our nation continues to descend into a godless, entertainment-centered moral relativism that holds no fear of God and no reverence for his commands, we will perish as a nation. So what can we do about it?

The answer to our nation's problems is not the advancing of a particular political agenda or the dominance of a particular political party. Our root problems are spiritual and only a revival can reverse the moral tide of our country. The term revival refers to a special movement of God in which his church is dramatically refocused and revitalized with ensuing conviction and conversion of people once far from God.

God will bring revival to our nation through faithful believers who keep their lives pure, their voices heard, and their prayers going. The ancient words of 2 Chronicles 7:14 are still faithful and true: "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss



## Upcoming Classes and Events

### Salem Summer Bash

Saturday, July 14, 12-5 p.m.

On Saturday, July 14, Salem will be hosting the Salem Summer Bash! Included in this day the men's ministry will be hosting their 4th annual car show, food by the Salem softball team, a bake sale by the women's circle groups, and Ullery's Homemade Ice Cream. The student ministry will be sponsoring a softball tournament, and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The

Church of God for their recent donations and extraordinary meals provided for this outreach effort! Thank you for making a commitment to cover OneHeart with your prayers and intentionally being mindful of loving others in the name of Jesus Christ. For more info on OneHeart ministry please contact Donna Cox at: [donnacox2you@aol.com](mailto:donnacox2you@aol.com)

### Gal Pals

Gal Pals is a group of women who are divorced, widowed or never married who meet once a month to share a meal and friendship. We invite you to join us! Next meetings will be July 8 and August 12 at Rob's Restaurant in Brookville for lunch. Contact [info@salemchurch.org](mailto:info@salemchurch.org) or 937-836-6500.

### Sewing Ministry Updates

The sewing classes scheduled for July 11-August 8 have been cancelled. Please watch for announcements of the rescheduled classes.

The Hugs Project will not meet July 14 due to the Salem Summer Bash. Next meeting: August 11.

### 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! There is a place for you!

children's ministry will have games and inflatables. Admission is FREE. Invite a friend and enjoy a day of activities, cool looking cars, great food, and lots of fun!

### Trailblazers Catered Luncheon & Program

**Thursday, July 12, 12 Noon - Salem Gathering Place**

Have you considered coming to a Trailblazer luncheon? We'd sure like to see you! This luncheon will be catered by Rob's-entree will be their famous chicken almondine. Cost is \$7 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are not necessary. The program will feature Carolyn Dean leading us in *Name That Tune*. Come prepared to share testimonies and stories. Enter Door 3. For more info, contact Herm at 832-6348.

### Prayer Opportunity

If you would like to volunteer to pray during the morning service one Sunday a month, please contact Roger Dean at 884-7434 or [revandcj@woh.rr.com](mailto:revandcj@woh.rr.com)

### Fundraiser to Assist Robin & Faith Jelle - Minister to the Navajos

Perkins coupons will be available Sundays, July 1 & 8. Look for Salem members, with a Perkins Badge, who will have these coupons for you to use on Monday, July 9 for any meal. The Salem Team is going to Arizona to work on the inside of the Bunk House and further relationships with the Navajos during evening devotions at the Jelle Ministry Site Sep 9-15, 2012. The team appreciates your prayers as more people are needed for this trip. Thank you for your support, AZ Planning Team. Contact Jeanie Rarick at [rarickgj@gmail.com](mailto:rarickgj@gmail.com)

### VBS 2012

VBS is almost here!! We are in need of these donated snack items: fruit snacks, pop ice (popsicles), and juice boxes. We are expecting over 100 kids this year, so we will need plenty of each item. You can donate the snacks anytime now through the week of Bible school (August 6-10). Thanks for your support!

### Sermon CD's

During these summer months while we are worshipping in the gymnasium we will have a sign-up sheet at the information desk for you to request CD's of the sermon. The CD's will be available for pickup the following Sunday at the information desk.

### Out with the Old ... In with the New!

We continue to make great progress in our **Refresh, Renew,**

**Restore** initiative, as the windows in the lobby atrium were installed this past week. "Scraper guys" worked on preparing the main auditorium floor for carpet to be installed, and our restroom refurbishment continues on schedule! We are thankful for so many wonderful individuals and families who have come out to complete the work needed this summer in many areas of Salem Church. If you made a financial contribution or commitment to this initiative, we also want to pause to say thank you for allowing the Lord to use you to be a part of this project as well.



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This coming week (Monday and Tuesday), we will have opportunities for painting and staining. If you're available to work, contact Nabil Safi at [n.safi@salemchurch.org](mailto:n.safi@salemchurch.org) as soon as possible to let him know you are available.



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