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



August 17, 2012

Painters Needed at Camp Jabez

Wednesday August 22, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and/or Saturday, September 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Painters are needed for fence painting at Camp Jabez. The Gospel Mission runs this beautiful camp located 5 miles south of Xenia on approximately 38 acres of nature. Children are given the opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ as they are surrounded by God's blessings. Some of the summer day-camp activities, include trail exploring, wall climbing, horseback riding and zip line excitement. Painters are encouraged to wear old clothes on paint day. We take a sack lunch, our own water, a hat and sun tan lotion. We work in groups of 2 while painting sections of fencing. Sign up at the Activity Desk on Sunday, August 12 and 19. Directions and additional information will be at sign-up desk. Contact Jeanie at RarickGJ@gmail.com.

Giving:

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 8/12/12:

\$21,368.99

Not A Sermon, Just A Thought from Pastor Moss

The word "transition" has been on my mind a lot lately for several reasons. First, my dad has made a transition from earthly life to his eternal home. As I write today, I realize that one week ago I was standing beside his open casket giving thanks to God for my dad and all he meant to our family and to me. I will miss him.

At a time like this, I am so grateful for our church family and all the ways you have expressed your love and concern to us through beautiful cards and kind words. Thank you so much. Your loving support is really helping us through this difficult time.

Some transitions are unwelcome. Some transitions are by our own choosing. Others are natural transitions from one stage of life to another. For instance, several families in our congregation are experiencing the transition of a son or daughter heading off to college. When you stop to think about it, life is a constant series of transitions.

There are transitions happening at Salem, too. Soon we will make the transition back to the worship center for our Sunday services. You will be pleased with the many new and positive changes that have been made this summer. We will be making a transition from summer routines back to busy fall schedules and new course offerings for your spiritual growth.

We recently announced a transition in our Children's Ministry as Jody Curtis resigned her position as Associate Director of Children's Ministry. A transition team is now in place to lead us forward. A Children's Ministry staff has been recruited and is now preparing for fall. We are grateful to Merry Cookston for stepping in to provide interim guidance to the team during this transition time.

Perhaps now you see why the word "transition" has been on my mind.

Are you ready to make a new and positive transition in your walk with Christ? I hope so!

See you Sunday!
Pastor Moss



Are you new to Salem? Join us for the next Welcome Luncheon

September 9, 11:45 a.m.-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.



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. You can also listen to sermons at www.SalemChurch.org.

Check it out! 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!

The Apprentice Series Retreat

Saturday, September 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Salem Church of God
Cost is \$10 (includes lunch and snacks), Registration due by August 26

The Apprentice Series is a chance to bring healthy change to your life. This gracious experience will draw you closer to God and others. For more information or to register, contact Dave & Marilyn McQuinn (836-7800) or Betty Scheibly at ext. 104.

Baptism in the Pond

Sunday, August 26 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Royal Rangers

The Royal Rangers are looking for a few additional men to serve as leaders and support. This fall begins the sixth year for Royal Rangers at Salem and it is a growing ministry. Growth in this excellent ministry area can continue with your support. For more information, contact Jeff Webb at webbsalemranger@aol.com.

Pastor Bob Moss to Speak at the 2012 Ohio Men's Retreat & Ox Roast

September 7 & 8, Camp Marengo, Columbus, Ohio

Men, let's join Pastor Bob at this retreat and show him our support and love. The theme this year is "Be Strong & Courageous." Mark this date on your calendar and let's send an army of men over to Camp Marengo. Early bird registration is \$50 through August 15, \$60 after that (children 12 and under is \$25). This covers lodging, a Friday night dinner, a Saturday morning breakfast followed by a pig roast Saturday at noon to complete the weekend. There is a golf tournament, fishing tournament, and paintball for a fee. Cornhole and horseshoes are free. Register online at www.ohchog.org/men or registration forms are available on Sundays in the lobby. Contact Craig at mensministry@salemchurch.org or ext. 112 for questions.

Community Table School Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and volunteered to help with this year's School Fair! It was a huge success. Because of the generosity and support of 9 local churches, we served over 400 children with new backpacks, all their school supplies and reading books. There were even lots of stuffed animals that found a new home. Thanks for helping us show God's abundant love and grace to those in our community who would otherwise struggle to help their children get a good start to the school year. If you would like more information about Community Table, contact Deb Stahl at tstahl1@woh.rr.com or 832-8024.



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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.