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# Salem Happenings

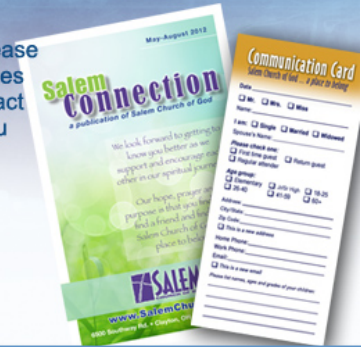
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**Welcome** ... We are glad you have chosen to join us for worship today. Please take a moment during your visit to complete a Communication Card found on the tables at the back of the gym. If you have any questions, stop by the Welcome Center, contact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



September 28, 2012

the art of  marriage  
getting to the heart of God's design

### The Art of Marriage

Friday, Nov 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
(check-in begins at 5:30 p.m.)  
and Saturday Nov 3, 8:30 a.m.-  
4:30 p.m.

(check-in and continental  
breakfast begins at 8 a.m.)

The Art of Marriage Event is a video experience that consists of six video sessions. These videos combine dramatic stories, real-life testimonies, expert interviews, humorous vignettes and other teaching methods to lay out God's design for marriage in a fresh, engaging way. Guests attending the event are each provided a manual with projects to help them apply the principles taught in each session, augmented by dozens of articles and additional content to help them dive deeper. The cost is \$50 per couple. This cost includes your books, a continental breakfast and lunch. Childcare available for ages 6 and under. Register online at [SalemChurch.org](http://SalemChurch.org) - Upcoming Events - Art of Marriage or contact Betty at [b.scheibly@salemchurch.org](mailto:b.scheibly@salemchurch.org) or ext. 104.

Join us Sunday as we continue this sermon series!



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

Here is some joyful news. Alisa Harkless, who serves Salem as Associate Director of Adult Ministries, has recently become a licensed minister by the Credentials Committee of the State of Ohio.

This is a big deal. Why? It is another step in Alisa's journey to follow the call of God to Christian ministry. It's a pathway she began to follow several years ago and one that will eventually lead to ordination.

It's been my privilege to have a first-hand observation of Alisa's growth trajectory in ministry. She is an exceptional person, greatly gifted, and we are blessed to have her as a part of our staff team.

When I was the Executive State Minister of Indiana Ministries I was often called to participate in choosing and installing new pastors in various congregations. I frequently shared this thought with them:

The pastoral-congregant relationship is not a one-way matter. Too often we only concern ourselves with what a minister can give to a congregation. Seldom do we remember that we should think about what we can give to the minister. We can give encouragement, openness to new ideas, positivity, and enthusiastic participation. We can share suggestions and thoughts in such a way as to encourage and not diminish. In short, we should paraphrase President Kennedy's famous quotation: *Ask not what your pastor can do for you. Ask what you can do for your pastor.* Our goal should be to help every emerging minister serving Salem to be lifted, not leveled. We want each one to become wiser, better, and a more capable leader from their time at Salem. That's our noble objective.

Will you join with me in congratulating Alisa for this step in her ministerial journey? Will you share a word of affirmation and thanks for her faithful service? I know you will.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Moss



## Giving:

Weekly Need: \$34,815

Offering 9/23/12: \$20,886.95

## Recycling

Go **GREEN**, invest in the environment! A paper retriever bin is located at the corner of the main parking lot at Salem. Paper items only (newspapers, phone books, magazines, office and school paper, mail, envelopes, folders, and fax and copy paper). Please do not use this bin for plastic, glass, metal, or trash. Follow these guidelines and recycle at this easy drop off area. This service is sponsored by the Gaulke Circle and the proceeds received from this recycling venture aid their mission effort.

## 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!

## Trailblazers Catered Luncheon & Program

Thursday, October 11, 12 p.m., Salem Gathering Place

You are invited to attend the Trailblazers' luncheon meeting catered by Jerry's. Cost is \$7 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are not necessary. The program features DeBray: A Musical Duo. Ray and Deb Johnson is a husband/wife duo performing music from the 1920's to the present, while playing a variety of instruments, including piano, guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, bongos, and a 1911 cornet. Come and bring a friend! As we continue to reach out to our community, if you would like to donate warm winter outerwear for Gospel Mission to distribute, please bring your items to either the October or November Trailblazers luncheons. Contact Beth at ext. 115.



## Women...the October issue of "The Spice" is available.

Go to [SalemChurch.org](http://SalemChurch.org) – Get Connected – Women to read the current issue.

## Women join us for a ... Fabulous Fall Fun Night!

Friday, October 26 - 6:45-10 p.m. (the event will begin promptly at 7 p.m.)

The Women's Ministry Team invites you to a relaxing evening of fun, good friends, and food! This intergenerational event will feature a very special "Tasting Party" highlighting your own extraordinary recipe. Our crafting theme for the night is "Paper Arts" and you will enjoy learning how to create several projects just in time for the holidays. Additionally, we will all have the opportunity to support missions by donating one of your own card creations to a local card ministry. Drinks and table service provided and as always, guests are welcome. Open to all women from Jr. High age and up.

**What to bring:** Favorite appetizer/dessert to share; One copy of your recipe (please include your name); Basic crafting supplies: pencil, ruler, regular scissors, deckle-edge scissors (if you already own them), and a glue stick.

**Cost:** \$10 adults; \$5 students (Jr. High through College); \$20 maximum fee for household  
Registration with payment deadline: Sunday, October 7. Contact Betty at ext. 104 or [b.scheibly@salemchurch.org](mailto:b.scheibly@salemchurch.org).

## Community Prayer Services

Sunday, October 7, 6:00 pm, Fairview Church, 750 Union Blvd, Englewood

Sunday, November 4, 6:00 pm, Grace Brethren Village, 1010 Taywood Rd, Englewood

You are invited to attend a community prayer service, to pray for America. When we humble ourselves and pray, our lives are touched, our churches empowered, our communities are restored, and our country is healed.



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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.