

Salem Spirit

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus!

In John 16:33, Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble." Because we live in a fallen world marred by sin, we experience trouble. Trouble happens. It comes in various shapes and forms, and we all have our share of trouble. How do we keep life's troubles from overwhelming us?

The answer to this important question is found in Philippians 4:6,7. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts

and minds in Christ Jesus."

The Greek root word for "anxious" is "meros" which means "to separate or isolate." In Philippians 4:6,7, the Apostle Paul is saying, "Don't separate or isolate your problems from your blessings. And don't let your problems dominate your thinking."

We need to deal with our problems, but we don't have to dwell on our problems. Rather than focus on our problems, we need to focus on our blessings. In the midst of adversity we need to thank God for his loving activity in our lives—our "God's moments" - and seek his much needed assistance. We need to delight in what God has done for us and rejoice in the truth that

he is always there for us and ready and willing to provide for our needs.

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." When trouble comes your way, deal with it but don't dwell on it. Consider your problems or difficulties only in light of your blessings. Through prayer that emphasizes thankfulness, let the Lord know your needs. And enjoy the results—the peace of God that transcends all understanding.

Pastor Gary

Building Fund Update

12/31/06 Building Fund Balance

2007 Building Fund Income as of 5/20/07	\$26,457.52
Transfers from General Fund (15% of income)	10,333.68
Windsor Twp. Building Permit—2/26/07	(7,054.00)
John W. Hoffert—surveying	(8,095.55)
Hurst Excavating (10% deposit)	(12,760.00)
Michael C. Wall—HVAC maint.	(4,829.93)
	\$ 4,051.72

Building Fund Balance as of 5/20/07

\$120,174.81

\$124,226.53

Special points of interest:

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- > Come on out and play volleyball at the church!

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**Ministry Council meeting
Sunday, June 3rd
at 7:00 pm**



Thanks to everyone for their cards, thoughts, and prayers, when the tree "attacked" me in April. I had an incredibly speedy recovery! It's great to have so many caring friends. I love you all.

Thanks,
Barry Mengel

Salem Singles

Calling all singles (single, divorced, widows, widowers, or separated). Join us on June 16th for dinner at Kauffman's and a good game of miniature golf afterwards. We will meet at the church at 6:30pm and carpool over to Kauffman's. Look for the sign up sheet in the lobby in the next couple of weeks. All singles are welcome from 18-100 years of age. Any questions, call Caorlyn Kytte or Peggie Rush at 610-562-3545.

Graduation is fast approaching.

We would like to recognize all our graduates on June 17th. If you will be graduating this year, please drop a note in the office ASAP. Thanks



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Believer Baptism

We will be having a Believer Baptism on July 22nd and August 19th beginning at 4:30 pm followed by a covered dish celebration. The Baptisms will be held at the home of Todd Williams. (See Pastor Gary or Todd for directions) Please sign up ASAP in the lobby if you would like to be baptized on either of these dates.

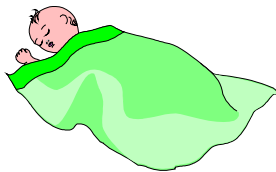
The last Men of Faith and Women of Faith meetings will be Tuesday, June 12th. This will be our annual joint picnic the home of Barry & Dawn Mengel. The picnic will begin at 6:00 pm. Please sign up in the lobby and bring a side dish or dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs. Husbands and wives are invited too!



This N That

VOLLEYBALL HAS BEGUN! Watch your bullet in for our weekly volleyball games and come out and join the fun and fellowship. Spectators are also needed!

Promise Keepers Conference will be held at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA on Friday, September 21st and Saturday, September 22nd. If you are interested, please contact Jon Kuhns. 610-756-6297



Congratulations to Travis & Jodi Petrie on the birth of their daughter, Riley Ann Petrie. Riley came into the world on May 15th weighing 6lb. 10oz. and 20 inches long.

Opportunities to serve at Salem

SIGN UP FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Jr. Church Leader**—Volunteers are needed to lead Jr. Church during the Contemporary Service. All that is required is a love of teaching kids about the Lord. There are easy to follow lesson plans available in the office. Volunteers are on a rotating schedule leading Jr. Church one or less Sundays a month. Please see Dorinda or put a note in the office if you would like to serve in this ministry.
- Nursery Attendants** are needed during the Contemporary service. Please see Dorinda or drop a note in the office if you would like to be put on the rotating schedule.

Someone is needed to fill in for Dorinda when she is on vacation June 23rd to June 30th. The duties would include answering the phone, typing the bulletin, and other miscellaneous things. If you would be able to help out, please see Dorinda.

VBS

This year **Vacation Bible School** will be held from August 5th to 9th with the closing program during the Sunday school hour on August 12th. Much help is needed so please make plans around this important ministry and consider volunteering your time and talents. There are many areas to choose from teaching, to making props, helping to register, crafts, snacks, clean up, being part of skits, planning and organizing, the list is endless. Sign up in the lobby today or see Jody Kuehner with any questions!

KFC & TGIF

Hey KFC and TGI F members! Come out to the church each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm and join us as we work through Ron Luce's "Dig In" series. This fun and exciting series will help you understand how you can reach your generation for Christ. All are welcome! Contact

Rich for more info.
610-665-0176

Building Update

After many months of work behind the scenes, our project is finally underway. By the time you get this update, most of the ground moving will be complete. The next step will be to dig the footer for the block layers. It will probably take about a month for them to finish. While this is going on, the excavator will keep working on the underground pipes for water run off. When the block layers are finished, our building contractor will get started on the "wood and metal" phase of the building project.

At this point in time, we have not selected an electrician and plumber, but we have received some good bids and are close to making decisions. Our plan is to have the professionals do the "rough in" work, and then we will take over and finish up.

After all the underground electric and plumbing is in place, we will select a cement contractor and pour the floor. The building contractor will then frame out the rooms on the "wings" surrounding the large all-purpose room.

A building committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm at the church.** More information will be shared at this time. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

ATTENTION ALL 2007 MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS:

We will be holding a meeting on Sunday, June 3rd, immediately after the 10:45am Worship service. We will provide you with all the info you will need and will answer any ques-

tions you might have at that time. Parents are welcome, but not necessary. Lunch will be provided. We will end the meeting at approximately 1:00pm. If you can not make it, or have

any questions beforehand, call Dawn at 610-756-4156.

Home From College?

Did you know there is now a class that meets during the Sunday school time specifically for college aged students? We meet at Rich Peachey's house, and are currently working through Dave Ramsey's

"Financial Peace for the Next Generation" material. All are welcome! Contact Rich (610-665-0176) for more info or for directions. Also keep watching the bulletin for an announcement about an upcoming group

cookout! There are also directions available on the table in the lobby.

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www.wearesalem.org

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Why Go To Church?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm

wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.... They all nourished me and

gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing....God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"

Never miss another weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter! Salem Church's weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters are now being posted on our website! Go to www.wearesalem.org and look in the "About Salem" section.