

Salem Spirit



Special points of interest:

- > Join us for our first "Family Movie Night"
- > If your single, come out and join our Salem Singles
- > If you enjoy baseball there are numerous games to sign up for
- > Check out our new ministry, "Caring Cooks"

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus!

God has been good to Salem Church. Our worship and Sunday School attendance is at an all time high and our giving is increasing proportionately. Excitement is on the rise as we draw closer to getting our new building to the point where we can actually use it. Praise God!

In July it will be five years that I've been serving as the pastor of Salem Church, and I want you to know that I'm convinced more than ever that I'm exactly where God wants me to be. It's a real joy to be at a church where people are serious about doing something for God, and this is what keeps me energized. I want to personally thank everyone who gives of his/her time, talent, and treasure to make Salem Church the great church that it is. God has brought us a long way, but he's not finished with us just yet.

Often times when peo-

ple have experienced a level or degree of "success" they get complacent. I'm praying that this will not happen to us. I don't know how big Salem Church will be in five years from now, but I do know that God wants us to continue to grow both spiritually and numerically. And if we continue to work hard and stay focused on our calling, if we continue to love God and people and make disciples of Jesus, we will grow both spiritually and numerically! The "race" that we're in is not a sprint; it's a marathon. We're in this for the long haul. And if we keep "running" the way God wants us to run, we will continue to see great results.

I want to encourage you to be all that you can be for God. I want to encourage you to keep on keeping on. And if you haven't been as active as you know you should be, I want to encourage you to get active. Your participation is needed and

welcomed. As Salem Church continues to grow, more and more people will have to step up to the plate and get involved. I'm confident that this will happen because God is behind what's happening at Salem Church. As someone has said, "God's work done God's way will never lack God's supply." I believe this. I believe that God will supply! I believe that God will move you to action! And I believe that God will bless you for your faithful service!

Pastor Gary

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Building Fund Update

Building Fund Balance as of 12/31/07 **\$ 37,802.82**

Income and Proceeds from Loan

2008 Building Fund Income as of 3/16/08	12,310.00
2008 Interest Income	138.68
Transfer from General Fund	35,000.00
Draw on Loan from National Conference	<u>16,800.00</u>

64,248.68

2008 Expenditures on New Building

HVAC design and material	4,887.89
Dueck Construction	41,600.00
Propane Tank	2,257.00
Nelson Insulation—gym ceiling	4,452.00
Kegerreis Stoves—fireplace	2,154.65
Misc. items	208.11
Interest Expense	10,845.15

66,404.80

Building Fund Balance as of 3/16/08 **\$ 35,646.70**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- 4th**
- Joe Mengel
- 5th**
- Cody Gibson
- 6th**
- Leslie Dietrich
- 11th**
- Jan Petrie
- Rosie Manson
- 12th**
- Maggie Boyle
- 14th**
- Tonya Krick
- 15th**
- Justin Towles
- 17th**
- Joyce Armentrout
- Jon Koch
- 18th**
- Rich Peachey
- 20th**
- Edward Manson
- 22nd**
- Jody Kuehner
- 24th**
- Jean Swavely
- Barb Byler
- 25th**
- Ralph Delong
- 29th**
- Karen Kuhns
- Dwain Semmel

Happy Anniversary to:

- 18th**
- Perry & Kathy Dietrich
- 20th**
- Ken & Carol Mansfield
- 22nd**
- Russell & Carole Heiter
- 27th**
- Barry & Dawn Mengel

Altar Flowers

Due to the closing of Heck's flower shop we had to find a new florist for the Altar flowers. We are currently using King's Florist. The cost of the Altar flowers has increased to \$29.00 for the set. The Altar flower chart is located in the hallway and there are openings for the month of April and May. If you

would like flowers on a date that someone else has already signed up for, you can order a centerpiece by placing your name on the second line. The cost of a centerpiece will be \$25.00. Any questions, call Dorinda in the church office.

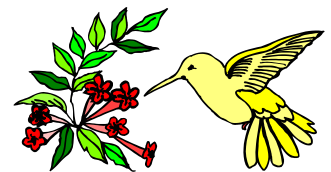
TGIF News

Plans for two 2008 Mission Trips are well under way! We will be going to Costa Rica and also a site in PA. Sponsorship information will be available in the beginning of May. Till then, please continue to pray for those who will be serving and those they will serve!

Tremendous THANKS to the many people it took to make the 2008 Yard Sale a HUGE success! We raised over \$2,800.00, which will be used towards our 2008 Missions Trips.

DID YOU KNOW?

We now have a ministry called "Caring Cooks". Caring Cooks provides meals to families recovering from medical procedures or the loss of a spouse. If you know of someone in need of "Caring Cooks" or if you would like to help by preparing a meal for someone, please contact Pat Hummel at 610-562-8249.





Nursery & Jr. Church

If you have children that attend either Nursery or Junior church we are asking that you sign up to help in these ministries. The schedule is posted on the doors to the classrooms.

Junior High helpers are also needed. Please use the same schedule to sign up. There is to be **NO MORE than one Jr. High helper each**

week. If you have any questions, please contact Dorinda in the church office. Thank you.

We need Nursery attendants on April 13th & 20th and also a Jr. Church leader on April 13th. Please sign up on the schedule that is posted in the classroom.

Thank you.

Sunday school

Jon Kuhns Sunday school class will begin new material on Sunday, March 30th. They will be exploring 100 Prophecies fulfilled by Jesus: Messianic Prophecies Made Before the Birth of Christ. Come and join us this week!

Creation

Come along for an uplifting weekend of Concerts, Inspirational speakers, Praise & Worship, Fellowship, and camping with other Christians.....Does that sound like an awesome weekend to you?? Then you need to include yourself in this year's Creation Festival in Mt. Union, PA. The date for this

year's Creation Festival is June 25th to June 29th. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the lobby as well as the registration form and Community Standards form. If you have any questions about Creation you can contact Lois & Tim Peters at 610-562-7099.

Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs

The Kuhnsville Carwash will be sponsoring the first Series Giveaway (first 3,500 fans) for the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Baseball. The game is Saturday, May 10th at 7:05 pm. If you would like tickets for this game, please sign up in the lobby before **April 6th**. The cost is \$7.50/ticket.

Congratulations to Josh & Jody Kuehner on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Jean (Carly). Carly made her appearance on March 4th at 1:38 pm. She weighed 6lbs 7oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Fellowship Events

Reading Phillies

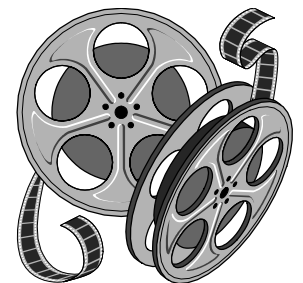
There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for the Reading Phillies. There are several dates to choose from. We need 20 people per game to qualify for the group rate of only \$7.00 a ticket. Sign up today!

Salem Singles

Come out and join the Salem Singles on April 19th at 5:30 pm for fellowship, pizza, devotion time, and games. We will meet at Erma Adam's home. Please sign up in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Peggie Rush at 610-562-3545

Family Movie Night

Tuesday, April 29th will be our first "Family Movie Night". Bring your family for a covered dish dinner at 5:30 followed by the movie "Facing the Giants" at 6:30pm. Please sign up in the lobby if you plan on attending.





Nursery

April 6

Deb Brady & Steven
(helper)

April 13

April 20

April 27

Ann Dusing & Kelley Burr
(helper)

Jr. Church

April 6

Dena Marie Bruno

April 13

April 20

Peggie Rush

April 27

Michelle Capion

Prayer List typing

April 6

Susan Troxell

April 13

Karen Kuhns

April 20

Tina Kutz

April 27

Barb Byler

Greeters

Traditional Service

April 6

Barb & Tony Serafin

April 13

Dave & Sandy Epting

April 20

Charlotte & Lawrence
Sunday

April 27

Wayne & May Adam

Contemporary Svc.

April 6

Ken & Carol Mansfield

April 13

Dave & Eileen Capion

April 20

Claude & Jan Petrie

April 27

Peggie Rush

Ushers

Contemporary Service

April 6

Chris Schnabel, Scott Middlecamp, Matt Brady, Buddy
Zimmerman

April 13

Josh Peters, Steven Brady, Mason Schnabel, Carter
Middlecamp

April 20

Kent Olson, Dave Capion, Darwin Haas, Kevin Towles

April 27

Travis Petrie, Jodi Petrie, Craig Kutz, Tina Kutz

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please find someone to fill in for you. Thank you for all the time that you give to serve at Salem Church.

Traditional Service

Tony Serafin	926-5289	Dave Epting	488-7410	Lawrence Sunday	562-4807
Wayne Adam	916-2458	Dena Bruno	756-4385	Bruce Krammes	562-5342
Kevin Towles	562-4408	Barry Mengel	756-4156		

Contemporary Service

Claude Petrie	562-2950	Peggie Rush	562-3545	Alma Brobst	562-5871
June Weiskircher	488-9223	Laurie Hummel	562-2414	Randy Hamlin	562-9658
Chris Schnabel	488-6281	Tim Peters	562-7099	Ken Mansfield	488-7028
Dave Capion	562-3956				

Nursery

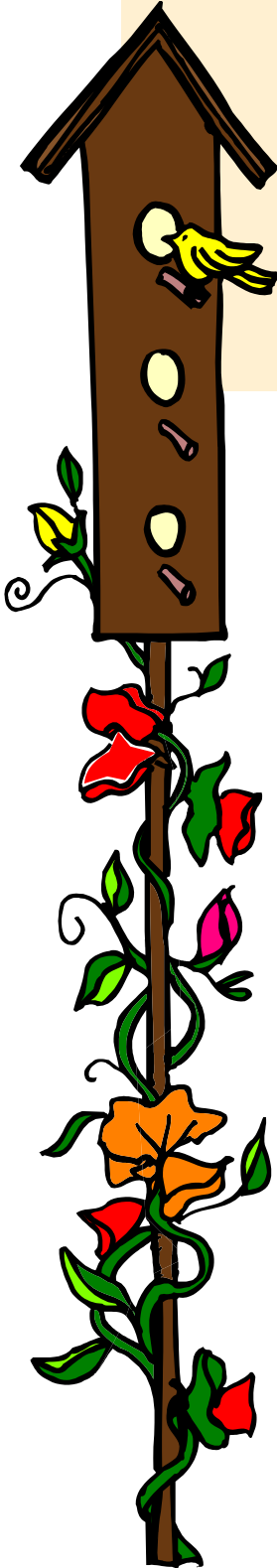
Jill Middlecamp	488-9353	Michelle Capion	562-3956	Ann Dusing	562-2517
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Junior Church

Dena Bruno	756-4385	Michelle Capion	562-3956	Peggie Rush	562-3545
Dan & Sarah McWhorter	562-3722				

Prayer List

Susan Troxell	570-386-5376	Karen Kuhns	756-6297	Tina Kutz	562-7368
Barb Byler	298-8035	Diane Galutia	562-5496	Kelley Burr	562-8301
Carol Mansfield	488-7028				



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

April 2008

Those In Need Of Healing

Diane Hartz – health concerns	Joe Diamond
Lou Ann Kovalsky – back surgery 4/14	Phil Christman
Jeff Moll - knee	Mark Sheely
Titus - knee	

Those With Cancer

Daniel Behler (bone)	Louise Focht (thyroid)
John Perkins	Ryan Douglas
Bob Wevodau	Richard Miller

Those In Need Of Strength & Encouragement

Ken, Carol, & Troy Mansfield	Brandie – stress
Nixa - stress	Michelle Capion & comfort

Spiritual Guidance & Direction

Graterford Prison – Spiritual Revival	Salem Church
Pastor Gary	Salem Commission leaders
Salem building commission	Our Troops
Persecuted Church	Our Nation’s leaders

Guidance & Protection

Troy Mansfield	Matt Capion & wisdom
Amy Mengel (choosing a college)	

Safe Pregnancy & Healthy Baby

Andrea Dautrich	Tonia Krick
Sarah McWhorter	

Comfort

Family of William Yurvati	Redner Family
Behler Family	Biehl family
Casenta family	

Dave Capion – job situation
 John Floyd & Keith Keller – favor for parole

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
8:30 am Traditional Svc. 9:30 am Sunday school 10:45 am Contemporary Svc.		1 7:00 pm Men & Women of Faith Youth Bible Study	2	3	4	5
6 7:00 pm Ministry Council mtg.	7	8 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study Youth Bible Study	9	10	11 9:00 am Adult Bible Study	12
13	14	15 7:00 pm Men & Women of Faith Youth Bible Study	16	17	18	19 9am-3pm "A Day Apart" 5:30 pm Salem Singles
20	21	22 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study Youth Bible Study	23	24	25 9:00 am Adult Bible Study	26
27	28	29 5:30 pm Covered Dish Dinner 6:30 pm Family Movie Night	30			

2008

April

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

Bishop Sigman
Families of:
Harold Adam
Erma Adam
Wayne Adam
Ralph
Armentrout

2

Amberman (AZ)
Ad. Asst. Ch.
Ctr.
Families of:
June Bagenstose
John Biehl
Dennis Boyle
Matt Brady

3

Anderson
(Europe)
Bruce Wagner
Families of:
Alma Brobst
Dave Adam
Dean Bruno

4

Baker (Texas)
DE Reg.
churches
Families of:
Mark Burr
Barry Byler
Stephen
Campbell
Faye Caples

5

Bound (VT)
Conf. Min.
Moury
Families of:
Dave Capion
Donald Claus
T. Danenhower
Ralph Delong

6

Bowers Papua
NG
Susque.
Churches
Families of:
Brenda Derr
Mel Deskiewicz
Donald Dietrich
Perry Dietrich

7

Davis (Kenya)
Gary Brown
Families of:
Joe DiSandro
Dave Epting
Andrew Fieo

8

Dick (Indiana)
Great Lakes Reg.
Families of:
Chris Galloway
Dave Galutia
Brian Gromlich
Frank Gromlich

9

Dixon (Kenya)
Church Planting
Families of:
Ben Haas
Darwin Haas
Randy Hamlin
Ambriehl &
Celina Hartman

10

Farr (Thailand)
James Ehrman
Families of:
Dorothy Hartman
Russell Heiter
William Holstein
Tom Krick

11

Farr (Papua
N.G.)
Eric Bender
(interim)
Families of:
Linda Hopkins
Patricia Hummel
Dave Kauffman

12

Garcia (Mexico)
Steve Reiter
Families of:
Linda Kennedy
Jay King, Jr.
Jon Koch
Clark
Zimmerman

13

Graff (Cent. Asia
& Russia)
Albright Campus
Families of:
Josiah Koch
Bruce Krammes
Rita Krick
Carol Kuehner

14

Hagland (CA)
Stone Ridge
Campus
Families of:
Jonah Kuehner
Joshua Kuehner
Jacob Kuehner
Jon Kuhns

15

Kunkel (Idaho)
Dennis Hollinger
Families of:
Craig Kutz
Carolyn Kytte
Deb Lauer
Bill Lillington
Larry Long

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Masuda (Japan)
EST Professors
Families of:
Joye McNulty
Allen Madeira
Therman
Madeira

17

Pfeffer
(Allentown)
EST Students
Families of:
Ken Mansfield
Troy Mansfield
Ed Manson

18

Reimer (NC)
Jim Shields
Families of:
Barry Mengel
Richard Mengel
Scott
Middlecamp
Jeff Moll

19

Roof (Brazil)
Twin Pines
Families of:
Tim Neufeld
Kent Olson
Rich Peachey

20

Ruiz (TX)
Calvary, Birdsbor
Families of:
Tim Peters
Matt Peterson
Claude Petrie
Randy Petrie

21

Schubert Honduras
Grace, K-town
Families of:
Travis Petrie
Val Petrie
Joe Dusing
Charlotte Hilbert

22

Smethers
(Kenya)
Bethany,
Leesport
Families of:
Dan McWhorter
Barry Reiff
Audrey Renno
Charles Reppert

23

Spayd (Missouri)
Salem, Lenhartsv
Families of:
Ryan Reppert
Deb Rice
Laurie Hummel
John Ross

24

Stahl (S. Pacific)
Zion, Mohnton
Families of:
Jeremy Ruhe
Peggie Rush
Rick Rutherford
Derick
Rutherford

25

First, Reading
Families of:
Debra Scheller
Otto Schick
Chris Schnabel
Dwain Semmel

26

Wagner (Kenya)
Vida Nueva, Rdg
Families of:
Jeff Semmel
Tony Serafin
Elsie Showers
John Sterner

27

Wills family (FL)
St. Lukes,
Shilling
Families of:
Lawrence
Sunday
Deborah Sunday
Beth Sunday
Jean Swavely

28

Wilson Papua
NG
Comm., S.S.
Families of:
Kevin Towles
Brian Trexler
June Trexler
Ann Marie
Wachtendorf

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Gromlich (WA)
Faith, Temple
Families of:
Leon Troxell
Kelly
Warmkessel
Dave
Weiskircher
Todd Williams

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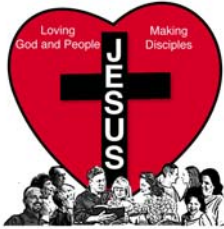
Persecuted
Church
Trinity,
Womelsdorf
Families of:
Vreeland Wood
Josh Yoffee
Ch. Zettlemoyer
Ken Zimmerman

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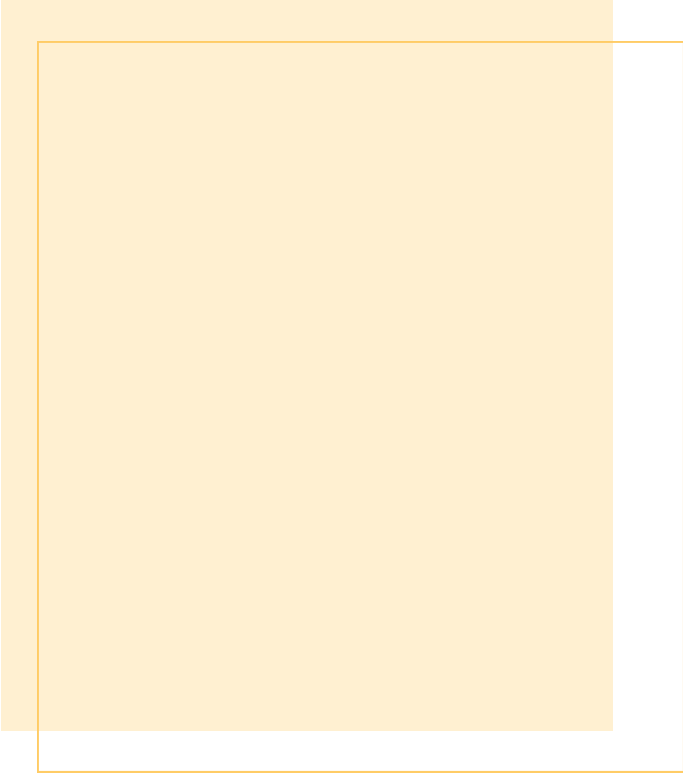
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His Yoke is Easy

A man was carrying a heavy basket. His son asked to help him. The father cut a stick and placed it through the handle of the basket so that the end toward himself was very short, while the end toward the boy was three or four times as long. Each took hold of his end of the stick, and the basket was lifted and easily carried. The son was bearing the burden with the father, but he found his work easy and light because his father as-

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sumed the heavy end of the stick. Just so it is when we bear the yoke with Christ; He sees to it that the burden laid on us is light; He carries the heavy end!

John T. Faris

Thoughts to Ponder

Faith honors God-
God honors faith!

You get the most out of your life when you give your life to Christ.

The words we speak, the

songs we sing, the doctrines that we teach....will have their greatest meaning when we practice what we preach.

If you enjoyed these inspirational stories and thoughts, stop at the Welcome Table in the Lobby and pick up your copy of the Fishwrapper. The Fishwrapper is a biweekly publication full of inspirational messages, recipes, stories, cleaning tips, and lots of other fun things.