

Salem Spirit

Salem E.C. Church

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- Check out the Mark your Calendar dates
- Parents bring your kids out to the church and enjoy a “Time Out” with your spouse.
- Don’t forget the Annual Yard Sale
- Did You Know? Items for your information

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From the Pastor’s Desk

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus!

Throughout the ages mankind has pondered three basic questions: Where did we come from? Why are we here? And where are we going? Inquiring minds want to know. We want the truth. Why? Because the right answers to these basic questions can and will give us godly self-esteem, lasting peace and joy, and steadfast hope.

Where do we find the right answers to these basic questions? In the Scriptures ... what we call the Bible ...the inspired Word of God. In 2 Timothy 3:16,17 we find these words: “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be

thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

In the Scriptures (see Gen. 1:26) we learn that we are the crown jewel of God’s creation. We learn that we aren’t an accident, that we don’t exist by chance, and that we didn’t evolve from a lower life form. We learn that we were created by God ...a creature of great worth ...made in God’s image. This great truth helps us to understand our identity, which in turn gives us godly self-esteem.

In the Scriptures (see Deut. 10:13) we also learn that we exist to love the LORD God and serve him with all our heart and with all our soul. This is our purpose in life. And if we fulfill our purpose, God promises that our life will be filled with gusto ...hearty

enjoyment ...lasting peace and joy.

A third thing we learn from the Scriptures (see John 3:16) is that we can have eternal life if we accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. He is the way, the truth, and the life (see John 14:6). In Christ we find security and significance. The great truth that one day we will be like Christ (see 1 John 3:2) gives us steadfast hope.

What a joy it is to have the Scriptures and know the truth about where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going. Knowing these things sets us free to be all that God wants us to be. Knowing these things enables us to live a full life here on Earth and spend eternity in God’s presence. Isn’t it good to know?

Pastor Gary

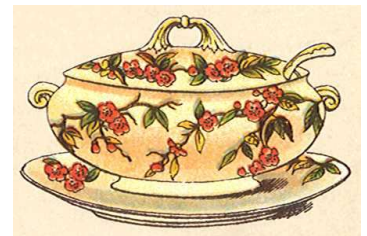
Did you make Soup?

If you made a soup for the Annual Congregational meeting luncheon we would like your recipe. There have been several requests for some of the soup recipes so we have decided to collect them and publish them for everyone. Please

hand in your recipe to Dorinda no later than March 15th. They will then be printed in the April newsletter and distributed in the lobby.

Also, watch for our Salem

Church cookbook coming soon. Makes a great gift so start thinking of ways you can use it.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries (anniversaries are in bold)

1st	Dave Weiskircher	13th	Mason Schnabel	25th	Brian Gromlich, Amanda Ruhe, William Holstein
4th	Carly Kuehner	18th	Kent Olson		
5th	Dave Capion	20th	Susan Troxell	27th	Terry & Rhonda Danenhower
8th	Cori Dixon, Kalika Kauffman	22nd	Jacob Wood	30th	Ralph Armentrout, Shayna Cooke
11th	Brandon Kutz, June Trexler	23rd	Jack Ross Brian & Kim Trexler	31st	Ryan Rppert
12th	Jairus Trexler, Nadine Galloway	24th	Joe DiSandro Tom & Tonia Krick		
13th	Harold Adam,				



Is your name missing from our birthday and anniversary list? Call or e-mail Dorinda in the church office. 610-562-5033

Church Announcements

Snow Cancellation Policy:

In the event of a snowstorm on Sunday morning, please use one of the following avenues to find out if we are still having church services. You can tune into Channel 69 news and check their cancellation list, listen on the radio to WEEU, or check the Salem Church website (www.wearesalem.org).

Help is needed in the Sound Room during the Contemporary Service to operate the Power Point presentation. Please sign up in the lobby if you would like to help or contact the church office.

Mark Your Calendars—We will be trying something new this year for VBS. On June 13th we will offer a Sports Camp VBS program for grades 3-6. June 15—18 will be the traditional VBS Program for grades Pre-K thru 2nd grade. Watch the newsletter for more information.

April newsletter
deadline is March
22nd.

Do you own your own business or work for a company where you have a business card? We are putting together a Congregation Business Resource Board and directory. If you would like to be included in this bulletin board and directory, please turn in your business card to the office by March 22nd. This directory

will be distributed in the April newsletter. We will also have extra copies available on the bulletin board. We know there are people that offer a service as well as individuals in the congregation looking for services. We think this is one way that we can all help each other.

Coming in April:

The TGIF will once again host our Good Friday Service on April 10th at 7:00 pm.



Congratulations to our Lay Minister of the Year: Ken Mansfield



Ladies you don't want to miss this awesome event! It will be held at the Inn at Reading on April 17-18, 2009. The featured speaker is Sue Duffield. Sue is a hilarious, heart-warming, and honest storyteller, who will strengthen our faith and encourage our souls. She is an accomplished singer/songwriter and speaker. Her theme the "Spa for Soul" will make our senses come alive as we experience refreshing laughter, healing tears, and spiritual hydration, pure

and simple truth in music and worship, and deep cleansing of His Word. From the time you walk thru the doors at the Inn at Reading, you'll feel your shoulders relax and therapy for the soul begin...you'll feel the gentle touch of God as He massages your heart with everlasting love. There are registration forms available in the church lobby. Reservations close March 15th, 2009 **Come Celebrate** with us. Find who we are in **Jesus!** Find His awesome **Love** in **worship!** Find

"A Day Apart"

His **Faithfulness** in His **Word!**
Find His **Joy** as we **Fellowship!**

"...and He said unto them, come yourselves apart and rest."

Mark 6:31

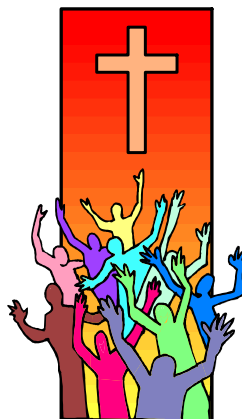


Welcome to the Salem Church Family

February 15th we added 13 new members to our church family. We welcome:

Susan, Rebecca, & Katherine DeTurk, Rhonda Danenhower, Chad & Keri Flyte, Mike & Kari Yarnall, Sara Stuffed, Roger & Charlotte

Jacobs, Billy Hoier, and Tom Bowers.



Congratulations to Jeff, & Debbie Semmel on the birth of their son, Douglas Paul. Douglas was born on February 2nd at 1:16pm. He weighed 6lbs. 15oz. And was 20 1/2 inches long. Also congratulations to big brother, Conner!

Mark your calendars!

Don't forget the TGIF Yard Sale coming up March 6th & 7th. This is the last call for items. Please turn in your items **NO LATER** than Wednesday, March 4th!

The next "Time Out" will be on March 20th from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please sign up in

the lobby if you plan on bringing your children. Adult chaperones are also needed and ideas for dinner. Contact Amy Mengel at 610-756-4156 for more information or if you have any ideas.

March 31st we will be having "Movie Night". The movie will

be **Fireproof**. At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never leave your partner behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb Holt is ready to face his toughest job ever...rescuing his wife's heart. Come out and join us for a covered dish dinner at 5:30 pm followed by the movie at 6:30 pm. Sign up in the lobby.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

March 2009

Those In Need Of Healing

Mark Sheely	Dottie Kantner	Lou Ann Kovalsky
Gretchen Hostetter	Lisa Fricker	Stewart Moyer
Karen Haines		

Those With Cancer

Bob Wevodau	Richard Miller	Don Behler - bone
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Those In Need Of Strength & Encouragement

Ken, Carol, & Troy Mansfield

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	Diane Hartz - salvation

Guidance & Protection

Troy Mansfield	Jake Dixon – Iraq	Steve Bailey – Iraq
Nancy Grove - Kuwait	Zack James – career decisions	
Dan Harakal – job & housing in Argentina		

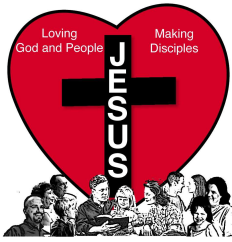
Comfort

Brubaker family

Please pray for Pastor Gary’s challenge to the congregation: Outreach for new members in 2009

Upcoming Events

Council meeting – 3/1/09	Annual TGIF Yard Sale – 3/6 & 3/7	Adult & Youth Bible Studies
Men & Women of Faith	“Time Out” – 3/20	3-D Groups
Discipleship groups	Sight & Sound trip	Movie Night – 3/31



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Office Hours:

Monday—8:30am—12:30 pm
Tuesday—1:30 pm—4:30 pm
Wednesday—8:30 am—3:00 pm
Thursday—No office hours
Friday—8:30 am—3:00 pm

Do You Know?

There are various items that you can access on our website:

www.wearesalem.org. You can check and/or add to the weekly prayer list, look at the weekly bulletin, watch the weekly sermon, obtain the weekly sermon outline, check the church calendar, read the monthly newsletter, and many other things.

Check it out. If you need to get into the Members Section call the church office for the password.

RECYCLE: We have a drop off for aluminum cans at the end of the Sunday school wing. We are also starting something new.

There is a blue recycle bin located in the lobby for your used printer cartridges. We will be recycling these through a company program at Staples.

If you have any other recycling ideas, contact Dorinda in the church office.

REDNERS Save-A-Tape program. We are still participating in the Save-a-Tape program. Simply obtain a Save-a-Tape card at the courtesy desk if you don't already have one, use it every time you shop, and then turn in your receipts in the basket in the church lobby. We then can add

them up and receive 1% cash back from Redner's. We can only submit tapes that have a Save-A-Tape total on them. If you don't use a card we can not redeem the receipt.