

**Salem E.C.
Church**

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Special points of interest:

- We want to see YOU in pictures
- VBS & Soccer Camp just around the corner
- Summer news for the youth
- A volunteer is needed in the office

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus!

One day a man came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matt. 22:36,37). Jesus was clear. Above all else we are to love God. But what does this mean? Does this mean that we must be filled with warm thoughts about God at all times? What does it mean to love God?

In John 14:21, Jesus says, "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me." And then, in John 14:23,

Jesus says, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teachings." To love God is to keep his commandments. To love God is to obey his teachings. Emotions may run up and down our spine, or they may not. It doesn't matter. What matters is that we have obeyed God. If we love God, we will do what he asks.

Jesus goes on to say this in John 15:10,11. "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." Pay close attention to what Jesus is saying in these

verses. He's saying that if you love God you will keep his commandments and that if you keep God's commandments you will experience joy. Do you want to experience joy in your life? Obey God, no matter what. Obeying God is the pathway to joy.

To love God is to obey God. But none of us loves or obeys God without fail. It's always a matter of degrees. The degree of your joy will be directly related to the degree of your obedience. The more you obey God the more joyful you will be. Obey God and have a joyful June!

Pastor Gary

Church Office Hours

Dorinda

Monday—8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Tuesday—1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Wed.—8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday—No office Hours
Friday—8:30 am to 3:00 pm

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Pastor Gary can be reached Monday thru Friday by calling the church office at 610-562-5033 or his cell phone at 610-914-2983



Youth News

NO "TIME OUT" for June, July, and August. See you in September!

Mission Meeting

Tuesday, June 30th

6:00 pm

To finalize trip details

Power Zone Soccer Camp & VBS

Free Soccer Camp

Saturday, June 13, 2009

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

For entering grades 3,4,5,&6

Free lunch, t-shirt & water bottle. The day will conclude with a scrimmage and FREE BBQ dinner for athletes and their families!

Registration deadline is Monday, June 8th. To register e-mail the church or call the church office. There is also a sign up sheet located in the lobby.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 15th

thru Thursday, June 18th

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

For ages 2 (with accompanying adult) to entering grade 2

Come and experience Crocodile Dock!

Congregation News

Someone is needed to help in the church office when Dorinda is on vacation. Contact Dorinda at 610-562-5033 for more information or e-mail the church at:

wearesalem@comcast.net

Men & Women of Faith Picnic

Tuesday, June 2nd

5:30 pm

Sign up in the lobby.

If you would like to have the newsletter e-mailed to you each month contact the church office or e-mail at wearesalem@cmcast.net

Church Directory

Lifetouch Pictures will be here on **August 7th & 8th** to take everyone's pictures for our Pictorial Directory. There will be sign up times available in the beginning of June. Sign up early to ensure a time that is convenient for you and your family. There is no cost or obligation to buy anything. Everyone receives a complimentary 8x10 family

portrait and a directory. This is the same portrait company that takes the school pictures. However, it is not the same company that we used the last time. If you are unable to make it on the 7th or 8th, please contact Dorinda in the church office so



that other arrangements can be made. There is a sign up sheet available if you would like to help on the organizational committee. Sign up in the lobby.



We will be recognizing our High School Graduates on Sunday, June

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd

Danelle Bruno

4th

Mark & Joy Burr

6th

Butch & Deb Rice

9th

Rick & Linda Rutherford

13th

Derrick & Natasha Rutherford

14th

Tom & Katie Bowers

16th

Barb Serafin

20th

Billy Hoier

Jeremy & Amanda Ruhe

21st

Alma Brobst

23rd

Michelle Capion

25th

Josh Kuehner

27th

Chris Galloway



If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our list, please fill out a Family Profile located in the lobby and turn it in to the church office.

Prayer List

Those in Need of Healing

Carole Heiter Elaine Koch
 Mark Sheely Bonnie Bowers
 Elsie Dougherty – mass on lungs
 Lisa Fricker John Moll
 Debbie Rice James Gemas
 Lou Ann Kovalsky

Those in need of Guidance & Protection

Troy Mansfield Jake Dixon - Iraq
 Steve Bailey – Iraq
 Nancy Grove – Kuwait
 James Carpenter – depression
 Jess & Harry – wisdom/guidance
 Kenyado & Shafiq – emotional & mental healing
 Eryn - protection

Those with Cancer

Bob Wevodau Richard Miller
 Steve

Those in Need of Strength & Encouragement

Ken, Carol, & Troy Mansfield
 Burdell Troxell & family

Upcoming Events

Council meeting
 VBS & Soccer Camp
 Bible Studies
 3-D Groups
 Discipleship groups
 TGIF Missions trip

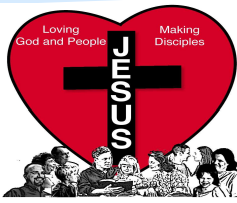
Those in Need of Spiritual Guidance & Direction

Graterford Prison – spiritual revival
 Salem Church Pastor Gary
 Our Troops Jeremiah Koch
 Persecuted church
 Salem Commission leaders
 Our Nation’s leaders
 Diane Hartz – salvation, peace, comfort
 Jess & Harry – salvation
 James Carpenter – salvation

Safe Pregnancy

Andrea Dautrich (due Dec. 09)

Jessica, Jayme, Jenny – prayer for Christian couple to adopt them



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A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects.

When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain! I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop.

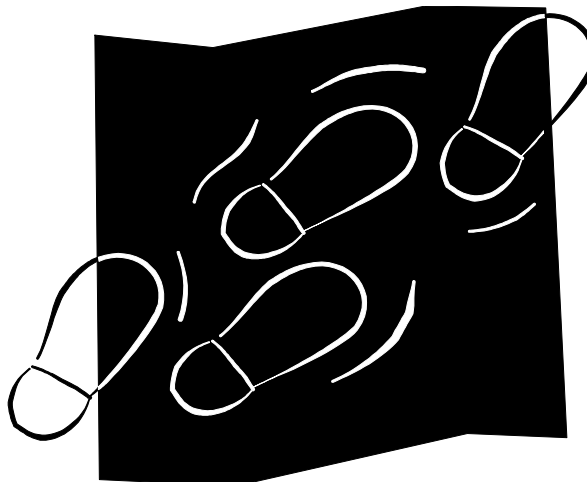
Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkept. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist."

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."



Follow Him