

The Salem Visionary

But be doers of the Word, and not Hearers only. James 1:22

"Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."
Joel 2:28

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This Is It!

First and Last Preacher Money Pitch of Year 2009

Salem United Methodist Church has entered June 2009 hanging tough against the pain of the *Recession*. Bills are paid. Our outreach, support, and missional giving to the North Carolina Annual Conference are paid up through May. Summer is upon us. Attendance remains strong and morale is *through the roof*. So you ask what kind of pitch is Pastor Bill making first and last of the year. You know the pitch is not with a baseball or to use oxy clean, right? Here is the pitch. God continues to bless us. However without the income provided by both the Salem Methodist After School Hours and the Preschool for the use of the building and utilities our church budget would not be near as strong as it presently is today. So what about the pastor's pitch? We need to continue to hang tough. The ministers, staff, and lay leaders of Salem Church are holding back expenditures. We can not slack off just because it is getting **HOT**. Hang tough through the summer by not forgetting to give of your tithes and offerings for the work and mission of the church. It will take all of us to keep Salem among the three most faithful congregations in the Fayetteville District. Are you with us?

The fall of 2009 will host two campaigns. Campaigns are just another way of educating and inviting each of us to plan our giving for 2010 and beyond. Giving is another word for investing in what God is calling us to do. A building campaign will come first -- no begging. A church budget campaign will come a month later -- no begging or multiple pleas. Our faith and love for the church must flow from a generous heart and from a well planned budget. The campaigns will be outlined, offered and dependent on your Christian goodwill for Salem UMC and the world. Are you with us?

Sharing God's Blessings,
Pastor Bill

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Get Your Newsletter by email

Your Salem Visionary is now available by email. To get your newsletter delivered to your inbox every month simply go to our website www.salemfnc.org, follow the directions and sign up. Your newsletter will arrive a few days before the beginning of each month and it will save the church some money too.

Electronic Giving

Open your heart without opening your checkbook

Electronic Giving is an easier, more secure way to make your regular contributions to our church through automated giving.

Reasons to sign up for electronic giving:

- ◆ No need to write checks or bring cash to church
- ◆ Peace of mind knowing that your church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend
- ◆ More secure than checks
- ◆ All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement
- ◆ **IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!
SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

Authorization forms are available upon request and also in the December newsletter

If you have questions
please contact Keith Cain

How to pray

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.

Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.



Prayer needs

Eugene Whetzel

Linwood & Marcia House

Helen Sanders

Stan & Helen Crumpler

Rupert Tatum, Sr.

George & Britt Tatum

Harrell Sessoms

Stan & Helen Crumpler
Julia Sessoms

Harry Britt, Sr.

George & Britt Tatum

Maggie West

Donald & Sylvia Nelson

LaVerne (Bud) Murphy

Wayne & Helen Smith
Henry & Amy Bowden
Bob & Gilda Horne
Dan & Mary B. Raynor

Prayer Needs of Our Members

Dottie Lawrence
Clara Williford
Cindy Whetzel
Savannah Crawford
Leonard Autry
Larry Davis
Esther Dew
Mary Patterson
Barbara Cain
Brady & Melissa Davis
and family

Family & Friends

John Bubanich
Sandra Barbee
Robert McClure
Julia Sessoms
George Robb
Hub Sessoms
Jackie Johnson
Vivian Matthews
Bob Williams
Amuline Tew
Billie Jo Strickland
Danny Maxwell
Laurice & Joan Raynor
Ray Miller



Katie & Cooper Strickland
Robbi Adams

Mike & Jean Outlaw's 50th
Wedding Anniversary
Rupert & Eleanor Tatum

Members and friends in Nursing

Homes and Retirement Homes

Bill Devane (State Veterans Nursing Home)
Stephen Mosher
Harry Gilliam
Doris Buchanan (Bethesda)
Jerry McLaurin (Patterson House)
Mabel Darden (Carolina Inn)

Members Home Bound

Vivian Hall
Kathryn McLaurin
Catherine McLaurin
Faye Hall
Shelia Cain
Abbie Royster
Phoebe Devane



Steve and Mary Patterson would like to express their sincere thanks to the Salem family for all of the love, prayers, and support shown to them during Steve's recent illness.

Clara Williford wishes to express her appreciation for all of the flowers, cards, visits, and prayers she received during her recent recuperation from surgery.

Military/ Civilians in Harm's Way

Ben Fisher
Daniel Maier
Matthew Darnell
Greg Hobbs
Will Gomez
Raymond Burkart
David Wayne Tyndall
Major Darryl Dotson
Garrett Ives
Robert Von Dell

Prayer Chain Ministry..if

you have a prayer request Monday through Friday, call Gloria Cole at 323-3162 or 309-7625, and the request will be passed on to our prayer partners on the Prayer Chain.

Please call the church office at any time to add someone to any of the prayer lists.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 28 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 Preschool and SMASH | 4 Independence Day |
| 5 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning | 6 Church Office closed | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 8:30am - Blood Drive 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 7am - UM Mens 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning | 27 7pm - Fellowship | 28 7pm - Barbeque | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |

Weekly Regular Activities

The following list includes all regularly scheduled events on the listed day. Please check with your group leader to determine any changes in scheduling.

Regular Monday Activities

7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00 Handbell Practice

Regular Wednesday Activities

5:00 Dinner in fellowship hall
6:30 Ladies Ensemble
7:00 Adult Choir Practice
7:30 Bible Study
8:30 Men's Ensemble Practice

Regular Sunday Activities

8:30 Worship
9:30-9:45 Hospitality Time (UFH)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School
9:45 Elementary School SS gathering downstairs
9:45 Cherub Choir
11:00 Worship
4:00-5:00 Praise Band
5:00-6:30 UMYF
5:00-6:30 Pre-K-5th S.P.L.A.T.
6:30-7:00 Snack Supper for all ages
7:00-8:00 Common Good Choir (6th-12th grade)
7:00-8:00 Adult Bible Study

Meeting Announcements

The Fellowship meals, refreshments and Special Occasions team will be meeting on Monday, July 27 at 7pm in the dining hall. The members are: Gwen Edwards, Judy McLaurin, Lorraine Kirkwood, Karen Price, Jean Outlaw, Estelle McPhail, Neva Stallings, Laura Burkart, Betty Mengle, and Sandy Parker.

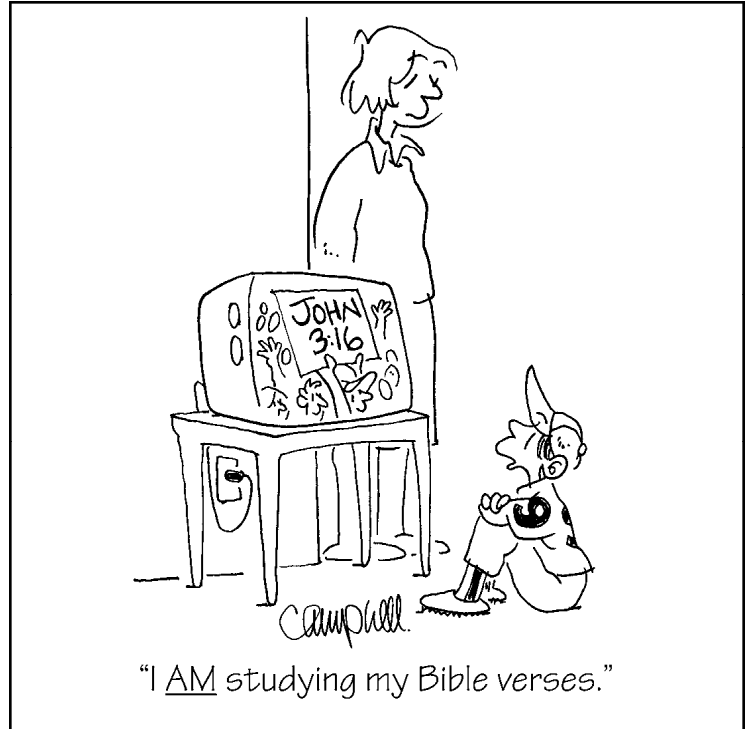
The annual barbecue is coming up on Saturday, October 3rd. Anyone who is willing to help with the barbecue should attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 28 at 7pm in the dining hall. Plans for the barbecue will be getting underway at this time.

Special Dates for July

• Independence Day, July 4, 2009

Seniors Trips

Salem Seniors is taking the month of July off. We will return to traveling our state in August. Please call Mary Frances and suggest neat places to visit with our fun fellowship of people! Guests and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend!



From a church newsletter in Canton, Ohio:

summer is here! the kids are out of school!
AND ... the church picnic is right
around the coroner!
Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday

Is he standing around the corner just in case
the potato salad goes bad?

Congratulations...

to all of our students as they progress from one grade to another! Salem UMC is pleased to present Bibles to our rising third graders. Our rising third graders are Caleb Bilyeu, Sarah Bubanich, Syleste Chiomento, Sarah Gallagher, Brittany Hovis, Sophie Huff, TJ Jackson, Jillian Kirkwood, Skylar Orellana, and Justin Smith. If you were unable to attend the promotion ceremony on Sunday, June 7th, please pick up your Bible in the church office. All children and youth have been promoted to the next grade in Sunday school as well. So, as of June 7th, rising sixth graders have moved to the middle school Sunday school class, rising eighth graders moved to the early high school class, and rising eleventh graders have moved to the young adult class. We are also excited to welcome our rising sixth graders into youth group! Remember, you are welcome at all youth group activities for the summer! Congratulations to all for finishing another school year!

Vacation Bible School wrap-up

VBS was held June 14 - 18 at Salem and it was a great success. We had a small group of kids but we had a huge amount of fun. The kids learned some new songs and spent a lot of time learning about Jesus. One of the things they learned was that when they see a fish with funny looking letters in it, it means, "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior." I bet even some of the adults reading this did not know what those Greek letters stood for.

We had many adults that attended class and others that helped with the kids. We really appreciate the hard work that everyone put forth to make VBS so successful. I think the kids will be singing the songs all summer.

We also want to thank all of the people that prepared, served, or otherwise assisted with the meal each night. We had a good meal every night. A special thanks to Mary and Steve Patterson who donated the food for Monday evenings dinner in memory of Steve's mother, "Mama Ruth" Patterson, because of her many years of working with the children in both Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Be sure that you thank them when you see them.

It was a great time and we look forward to next year with all of the kids again.

Keith Cain, VBS Director

Kara Howland, Children's Coordinator

Have you seen the new dishwasher?

In our continuing efforts to become a greener church, we now have a dishwasher. Any group that is going to serve a meal can use the new dishwasher but only after training by Mike McLaurin. If your group will be wanting to use the machine please contact the church office or Mike McLaurin and he can get you trained in just a few minutes.

On a similar note.....

Now that we will be washing our dishes we will not be keeping disposable plates, cups, etc. So if you have a need for disposable items you or your group must purchase and stock them yourself.

Please keep the use of disposables to a minimum unless you use green products. We have access to products that are environmentally friendly and would appreciate your using them if you must use disposable products.

Operation Inasmuch News

The end is in sight. The Operation Inasmuch Ministry Center at 531 Hillsboro Street will be getting underway and greeting guests for breakfast in July. It has been three years of volunteer work getting the center ready. The before and after is incredible. Those of you who worked on the building will be so surprised.

Salem will be serving breakfast, cleaning up and greeting guests on the 4th Monday of each month. We will need 8-10 volunteers each month. We begin serving at 7:30, so we would need to be at the center 7:15 and will be done no later than 9:30.

Our first day at the Ministry Center will be Monday, July 27th and again on August 24th. I would like to start by getting those months filled. Operation Inasmuch continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I hope you will find it in your heart to keep this mission alive at Salem by sharing your hands and feet to serve.

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact me as soon as possible at 822-1443 (home) 308-6467 (cell).

Matthew 25:40

Please let me hear from you.

Betty Smith

Salem Youth



Spring into Summer Schedule for Salem Youth!

July 20-25 [ACS](#) (Annual Conference Session for Youth) @ Methodist University in Fayetteville

This is another fabulous week-long retreat put on by the North Carolina Conference. Here Senior High students represent their church and vote on legislation to say what the youth in our Annual Conference believe. There is daily worship...spiritual formation groups....interest groups on topics you choose...pizza at midnight...and crazy games and fun! Visit www.nccumc.org/youth for more information and the application. The church will sponsor some of the cost of this event. See Pastor Mary Frances for details. (This is an on your own event.)

July 27th...Mission Monday...#2

Head out into the world to reach out to the least and the lost with your Salem peeps! We will head over to Bethesda Nursing Home to hang out with the residents. We will run a Bingo game, play some parachute ball, and perhaps take residents out for a spin in their wheelchairs if it is a nice day. From Bethesda, we will head to town to get some lunch (BYOM = Bring Your Own Money). After lunch we will have some fun together at the Laser Tag place in Fayetteville. Bring money for lunch and \$20 for laser tag and whatever money you want to waste in the arcade! We'll be back in the afternoon...tired but thrilled at helping others and hanging out with our friends! RSVP so we have enough van drivers and chaperones! Meet at 9:45 so we are ready to go at 10!

Retreat Weekend!...August 7-9

Harvest of Hope is a mission retreat program and a fun and economical way to get involved in the fight against hunger and learn about why hunger exists in this country and around the world. August 7-9, 2009 HoH will host an intergenerational event in Gaston, SC. We'll be staying at Bethel Christian Camp for the weekend, where we'll spend time in large and small group sessions learning about the causes of hunger and how we as Christians can respond. Saturday morning, August 8, we'll hit the fields of Lexington County knowing that through SoSA's network of feeding agencies, much of what we'll pick that morning will be on the tables of the hungry that evening. Cost for the weekend is \$75/person, which includes lodging, meals, and materials. You will need money for meals in route, but other than that this is a very affordable weekend! For many past participants HoH is a truly transformative experience! See Pastor Mary Frances to sign up! Deposit is \$50. We need one chaperone per five youth, so ask all the cool adults to be chaperones! Depending on the interest, we might find somewhere to whitewater raft or hike on the way home!

August 11th...Beach Day!

Addy and Cayley's grandparents are hosting us at their beach house for the day! We will leave at 8am so we have plenty of time to soak up the rays! BYOS = Bring Your Own Sandwich! We will have drinks and snacks for you. Bring money for dinner on the road! We will come back in the evening tired, dirty, but hopefully not sunburned! Please pre-register so we have enough drivers, snacks, and drinks!

Mission Monday Thursday...#3...August 13th

OK, it's not Monday but they could only use us on Thursday. This time we are heading to the State Veteran's Nursing Home over by Wal-Mart on Ramsey. We will host a snack time/joke telling contest/storytelling event. So, have your bad jokes ready! From there we will grab a quick lunch at Chick-Fil-A. Then we will head back to the Climbing Place or Laser Tag or another fun venue of your choice! Bowling is just down the street and is cheap! Let Mary Frances know what YOUR vote is! RSVP so we have enough people to cart us around! You will need money for lunch and the activity! Meet at 9:15 so we will be there by 10 am.

August 16th...Back to School Pool Party

Woodman of the World Pool

6pm until 8pm

Meet at the pool at 6pm. Bring a covered dish (please don't all bring Cheetos!), your swimsuit (be modest please), towel, and your favorite tunes! We are taking over the Woodman pool! The Youth Budget will provide the pool if you provide the food! RSVP please! Sign up for what you are bringing so we don't starve! We do need chaperones for this event.

Finance, Attendance, and other items of interest for May, June, and July

Ushers for July

8:30 Pete Stallings and Clifton Culbreth
 11:00 Shawn Parker, Sandy Parker,
 Mike Outlaw, Jean Outlaw

Altar Flowers

July 5 - Steve & Mary Patterson
 July 12 - Lynn & Sylvia Baker
 Urns - Debra Fussell
 July 19 - Rudy & Eleanor Tatum
 July 26 - David & Donna Drake

Lay Readers

July 5 - Dawn Gallagher
 July 12 - Kim Fisher
 July 19 - Ed Bullard
 July 26 - Myra Roberts



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| <u>Needed Weekly 2009</u> | \$12,938.83 |
| Received May 31st | \$ 9,809.00 |
| Received June 7th | \$10,279.60 |
| Received June 14th | \$10,415.26 |
| Received June 21st | \$ 5,399.00 |
| Received June 28th | \$11,941.50 |

Year-to-date June 28, 2009

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Budget Needed to date | \$ 336,409.58 |
| SMASH & Preschool Reimb. | \$ 36,088.35 |
| Tithes & Offerings | \$ 273,784.04 |
| Total Monies Received | \$ 309,872.39 |

Building Fund

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Received May 31st | \$ 2,130.00 |
| Building Memorials May 31st | \$ 40.00 |
| Received June 7th | \$ 1,505.00 |
| Building Memorials June 7th | \$ 50.00 |
| Received June 14th | \$ 1,645.00 |
| Building Memorials June 14th | \$ 425.00 |
| Received June 21st | \$ 1,660.00 |
| Building Memorials June 21st | \$ 205.00 |
| Received June 28th | \$ 2,100.00 |
| Building Memorials June 28th | \$ 580.00 |

Service Attendance for May

| Attendance | May 31 | June 7 | June 14 | June 21 | June 28 |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 8:30 | 0 | 38 | 45 | 52 | 33 |
| 11:00 | 250 | 213 | 166 | 192 | 152 |
| Total | 250 | 251 | 211 | 244 | 185 |
| Sunday School | 148 | 125 | 128 | 130 | 139 |

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