

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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Happy New Year! Look at all that is happening in 2010!

Christmas has just about cleared the shelves and decorations are back in the boxes. At least most of the ornaments have been stripped from the trees, walls, doors and yards. New Year's Day is upon us and still we party hardy. Perhaps it would be different to look towards February. January will be reasonably quiet. February will be busy – at least for Salem Church goers. Let me give you a mini-calendar for your personal planning. First a January date to boldly mark on your calendar. Lay leadership training for Salem officers and committee members will be on January 14th from 7 until 8:30 p.m. District wide lay training workshops will be held here at Salem from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. **January 31** will be UMW Sunday at both services of worship. Following the eleven o'clock worship service on January 31st there will be a fifth Sunday covered Dish meal. Please plan to be with us on January 31st.

What about February?

February 7- Council of Ministries Meeting @ 7 p.m.

February 10- Wednesday night meal will have special guests Herbert and Mary Zigbuo. The Zigbuos are our foreign missionaries to Liberia. They will tell us about their work.

February 13 – The United Methodist Men will be hosting a Valentine Reception Steak Meal held in honor of the women of in lives. A Service of the Reaffirmation of Our Wedding Vows will be held in the sanctuary prior to the meal. A wedding cake will be tempting us all with music to enjoy. Pastors Bill Sotherly and Mary Frances McClure will officiate.

February 14 – Scout Sunday @ the 11:00 a.m. service.

February 26-27- Salem, Lebanon and Temple Baptist will hold a joint youth event.

February 28 - Rev. Greg Jenks will be with us all day to lead us and our District in an awareness of ZOE or orphan relief in Africa. ZOE is a ministry started by Rev. Jenks of our Annual Conference. A workshop will follow from 3 until 4:30 p.m. for the Fayetteville District.

So what do we have going on in February of 2010? A lot!

Please plan to attend,
Bill Sotherly
Senior Pastor

Church Staff

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Giving Goes Green

Churches, with their heavy check volumes, were among the earliest organizations to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions. Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches.

A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. Since the year 2000, the powerful trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50 percent decline in check use.

As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship.

Salem offers an easy to use method of electronic giving. Sign up once and your contribution is transferred on the same day every month and no paper has to be used. There are many reasons to use our electronic giving program:

- ◆ 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. If you have questions please contact Keith Cain

A Very Special Word of Thanks

The pastors and staff would like to say how much your love offering gifts were appreciated. In this special time of the year it is extremely gratifying to know that the jobs that we perform are appreciated by everyone. Your generosity will not soon be forgotten and we know that God will bless Salem and its many family members. It is a blessing to each of us to work in such a wonderful Spirit filled place.

Thank you, Bill, Mary Frances, Denise, Keith, Kara, Christi, Gary, Amanda, Irene, Terry, Joe, and Wanda.

Meeting Announcements continued

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Kurtz, Conrad Kurtz, and Dawn Gallagher.

Preschool Board, Monday, January 25 at 6:45. Members are: Gwen Edwards, Jean Outlaw, Lisa Sessoms, Estelle McPhail, Jean Goodnough, Betty Smith, Jimmy Crabtree, Don Hudson, Sue Spruill, Cindy Whetzel, Sare Piland, and Duane Culbreth.

Finance Team, Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm. Members are: Tom Jackson, Fred McDaniel, Conrad Kurtz, Chris Lyons, Lisa Sessoms, Keith Cain, **Trustee Chair, UMW Representative**, Larry McPhail Jr., Amy Bowden, Carol Hudson, Stuart Williams and Don Price.



Peggy Kosman

Michael & Gloria Cole
Nell Mooney Circle
Ted & Rosine Dexter

Harold Lovick

David J. McLaurin
Don & Julia Cvetko
Wayne & Wanda Beard

Victor Talley

Eloise Talley

Fulton Culbreth


Kenneth & Claire Sykes
Johnny & Della Patterson
Wade & Maxine Anders
Dan & Mary B. Raynor

Rad Rich

Don & Julia Cvetko

Davida Newbold

Linda Barefoot



Jim Owen
Neva Stallings

Don & Karen Price
John N. Sloan



The family of Fulton Culbreth wishes to thank the entire Salem family for their many acts of kindness shown to them during Fulton's illness and expressions of sympathy following his death. Sincerely, The Culbreth family.

A Special Thank-you...Thank you very much for the cards, phone calls, prayers and visits after my recent back surgery. I am doing very well and thank God for this blessing. Love, Ted Dexter

The church recently helped a family in need by paying their motel bill. A few days later we received a Christmas Card from the motel with a handwritten note that said, "Merry Christmas to you and to all the good people at your church."

Prayer needs

Prayer Needs of Our Members

Leonard Autry
Barbara Cain
Larry Davis
Bill Devane
Esther Dew
Dottie Lawrence
Eileen Smith
Clara Williford
Johnny Britt
Katherine McLaurin
Ethel McLaurin

Members and friends in Nursing Homes and Retirement Homes

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

Military/ Civilians in Harm's Way

Ben Fisher
Daniel Maier
Matthew Darnell
Greg Hobbs
Will Gomez
David Wayne Tyndall
Major Darryl Dotson
Garrett Ives
Robert Von Dell
Stephen Johnson
Jonathan Lane

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

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.

Family & Friends

Julia Sessoms
Danny Maxwell
Billy Davis
Velma Little
Moira Efrid
Ruth Dees
Amuline Tew
Evelyn Moore
Betty & Jeff Watkins
Hub Sessoms
Robert McClure
Floyd O'Quinn
Laurice & Joan Raynor
Billie Jo Strickland
Karson Autry
Phil Mance
Vincent Price
Haley Cashwell
Charleen Raynor (heart transplant list)
Brenda Richardson
Johnny Ruddell
Vivian Matthews
Donna Ruddell
Lynn Burrell
Sylvia Matthews
Pricilla & Steve Jones
Ronald Lusk
Beverly & Randy Hall
Rendal Phillips
Clayton Britt
Becky Godwin
Floyd Helms
Reba Bullard
Will Pope
Becky Pope
Ray Adcox
Ada Webb
John Cole
Aelise Rector
Paul Webb
Katie Bryant
Glenda Haynes
Dale Taylor
Linda Hobbs
Dean Thomas

Members Home Bound

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning	28 Church Office Closed	29 6pm - Church Staff	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 Church Office closed New Year's Day	2
3 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning 4pm - Common Good 5pm - youth and	4 6pm - Beginner 7pm - Advanced	5	6 5pm - Fellowship 6:30pm - One Voice 7pm - Chanoel Choir 7pm - Micsions 8:30pm - Covenant	7 4pm - Handohimes	8	9
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17 12noon Youth Chili 7am - 7am UM Mens 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning	18 Martin Luther King, 6pm - Beginner 7pm - Advanced	19	20 5pm - Fellowship 6:30pm - Christian Ed 6:30pm - One Voice 7pm - Chanoel Choir 8:30pm - Covenant	21 4pm - Handohimes	22	23
24 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning 4pm - Common Good 5pm - youth and	25 6pm - Beginner 6:45pm - Preschool 7pm - Advanced	26 7pm - Finance	27 5pm - Fellowship 6:30pm - One Voice 7pm - Chanoel Choir 8:30pm - Covenant	28 4pm - Handohimes	29	30
31 United Methodist 8:30am - Sunday 9:45am - Sunday 11am - Morning 3pm - Dictriot 4pm - Common Good	1 6pm - Beginner 7pm - Advanced	2 Groundhog Day	3 5pm - Fellowship 6:30pm - One Voice 7pm - Chanoel Choir 8:30pm - Covenant	4 4pm - Handohimes	5	6

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

6:00-6:45 Beginning Handbells
7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00-8:00 Advanced Handbells

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 Thursday Activities

4:00-4:45 Handchimes (grades 3-5)
7:00-8:00 Bible Study

Regular Sunday Activities

8:30 Worship
9.30-9:45 Fellowship Snack (UFH)
9:45-10:45 Sunday School for all ages
9:45 Cherub Choir
11:00 Worship
4:00-4:45 Common Good Youth Choir
4:45-5:00 Youth Chill Time in the Gym and Youth Room
5:00-6:30 Children's choir and programming
5:00-6:30 UMYF programming
6:30-7:00 Dinner for all ages in the dining room

Meeting Announcements

Missions Team, Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 pm.
Members are: Ann Hobbs, Sallie Darden, Myra Roberts, Betty Smith, Buck Smith, Scott Phelps, Glenda Snotherly, Robert Bullard, and Hannah Lyons.

Outreach and Membership Care, Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 pm in the Pastor's Study. Members are: Rufus Autry, Gloria Cole, Susie Phillips, Amy Bowden, Carol Hudson, Glenda Snotherly, Joan Lovick, Jean Outlaw, and Helen Smith.

Salem Council of Ministries, Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Members are: Rev. Bill Snotherly, Rev. Mary Frances McClure, Christi Davis, Denise Kirkwood, Keith Cain, Kara Howland, Chris Lyons, Pat Lyons, Lisa Sessoms, Rufus Autry, Fred McDaniel, **Trustee Chair**, Tom Jackson, Valerie Newton, Larry McPhail Jr., Sue Strickland, **UMW Representative**, **Preschool Chair**, Linda McLaurin, Henry Bowden, Ann Hobbs, John Crawford, Frank Moody, V..F. Talley, E. O. McLaurin, Larry Keen, Marie McCarroll, and Judy McLaurin.

Christian Education Team, Wednesday, January 20, at 6:30. Members are: Sue Strickland, Rev. Mary Frances McClure, Miss Kara, Keith Cain, **SS Superintendent**, Heather

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Save the Date-Operation Inasmuch **Friday February 26, 2010**

Operation Inasmuch 3rd Annual Bread 'n Bowls tickets will be available from Betty Smith in January.

The Operation Inasmuch Mission on Hillsboro Street is up and running. We feed approximately 145 people 5 mornings a week. Expenses mount up quickly; food, electric, water, etc. So, this year we are planning something a little different. We will be asking for sponsors for our Bread 'n Bowls. (All proceeds go directly back into the mission building). We are offering the following sponsorship levels:

\$1,000 and up	LOVE SPONSOR
\$500-\$999	CHARITY SPONSOR
\$250-\$499	HOPE SPONSOR
\$100-\$249	FAITH SPONSOR

If you have a business and would like to be a sponsor or you as an individual would like to be a sponsor, please see Betty Smith 822-1443 or 308-6467

Salem Seniors

January 2010
January 11, 2010
National Railroad Museum
Hamlet, NC

We will visit the National Railroad Museum and Hall of Fame. The National Railroad Museum and Hall of Fame, Inc. was officially opened in 1976. It is located in the old [Seaboard Air Line Railway's depot](#) at the crossing of SAL predecessors. Of the original eight diamonds, only one remains. The depot was built in 1900 and was the home of the North Carolina Division of SAL. A prime example of Victorian architecture, it is one of the most photographed stations in the eastern United States and is representative of the structures of that era. We will eat lunch in the historic area of Hamlet. Details of the time of the tour and departure will be forthcoming.

February 2009
February 8, 2010
Poplar Grove Plantation, outside Wilmington, NC
Depart at 8:15 am
Return at 3:30 pm

Wicks n' Wax Class

Today candles are for romance, scent, and ceremony. Back in olden times, candles were essential for traveling at night and for early rising farmers. Come work a wick in wax, so easy even your group leader can do it! We will make candles and enjoy the tour of the plantation house and then lunch! There is a 15-person minimum for the special class. If we don't have 15 people, we can tour the house and then enjoy lunch together in the restaurant!

It is \$25 per person. This includes the class, the candles, and a nice boxed lunch together!

December Music Notes

Thank you to all of the singers, bell ringers, workers, musicians, food preparers and others that made the Maranatha service so wonderful.

Common Good Choir will sing at the 11 am worship service on Dec. 6th. Beginning Bell Choir will play at the 11 am service on Dec. 13th.

The Christmas Eve services will be at 5 pm and 11 pm. The early service will have quite a bit of music.

As 2009 comes to a close, on behalf of the music department, I'd like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year. I salute the musicians of Salem for their tireless commitment to a quality music program and their faithful gifts of time and talent. I hope everyone has enjoyed our musical offerings and I look forward to our next season.

Christi Davis

Children's Schedule

Jan. 3	No programming
Jan. 10	Children's programming resumes Regular schedule
Jan. 17	Regular schedule
Jan. 24	Regular schedule
Jan. 31	Regular schedule



Linda McLaurin and Staci Chiomento have recently concluded the worship workshop with some of the older children in the church. This was quite a large undertaking and they deserve our sincerest gratitude for a job well done. Now the kids in upper elementary can understand what we do and why during our worship services. Thanks again to Linda and Staci.

Have you made your New Year's Resolution?

Resolve to participate in one of Salem's music groups!

Work hard, laugh hard and get great seats for worship!

Chancel Choir Wednesdays @ 7pm

Common Good Youth Choir Sundays @ 4 pm

Salem Uth



- Jan 3 Christmas Break...No program
Jan 10 Regular programming resumes 5-6:30 pm We need three chaperones to sign up.
Jan 17 Please plan to attend the 8:30 service so, we can set up during the 11:00 service.
Great Chili Cook-off after the 11:00 service Regular youth programming 5:00-6:30
Elections for Youth Council today!!! We need three chaperones to sign up please!
Jan 24 Regular youth programming 5:00-6:30
Mark Fisher and Kim Fisher are volunteering and we need one more chaperone.
Second Sunday Supper will be this week because I have something going on the
10th. Where shall we go eat???
Jan 25 Project Workday: meet at the church at 9:00 am. Let me know if there is a particular
service project you would like to do and where you would like to go eat lunch and what fun
activity you want to do!
Jan 31 Regular youth programming 5:00-6:30 We need four chaperones to sign up please! I want
to do something off-site!

Deposit(s) due for summer trips. \$50 deposit for each trip holds your spot.
Chaperones go for half price (or less), so we need a \$25 deposit.

Great Chili Cook-Off January 17, 2010

Dust off your favorite chili recipe and get ready for the Great Chili Cook-off! Challenge your neighbor to a duel of jalapeños! Decide if you feel like cooking white chili or spicy chili! Enjoy some salad and corn bread with your Salem friends! After the 11 o'clock worship service, we will gather in the dining hall for a chili sampling extravaganza! We will vote for our favorite chili with nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars. The funds will go to the youth mission trip to Red Bird Missionary Conference in Kentucky this summer as well as the youth and children attending the Music and Worship workshop at Lake Junaluska in June. The winner will be able to enjoy his/her victory until next year and will win a prize as well!

One Day Ski Trip

Monday, January 25th...a teacher workday!!!

Who can go? Anyone (if you are under 18 you need a permission slip and have a signed waiver)

Location: Sugar Mountain <http://www.skisugar.com/conditions/>

Cost break down: Lift ticket is \$30 Ski rental \$12 Gas for vans or bus \$8

Breakfast, snacks, bottled water and dinner \$10 ...drum roll please...Grand total...\$60!!!

Lessons add an extra \$12

We will get biscuits to go along the road and pizza on the way home. You will need to pack a lunch or be willing to pay the exorbitant price at the cafeteria. They won't let us all bring our own meal together, so pick out your faves and bring your Hello Kitty or Superman lunch box from 3rd grade! Noshing and nostalgia, what could be better? If you are interested, I need a check for \$60 made out to Salem (or for \$72 if you are taking a lesson like me...you always learn something new even if you are an excellent skier.) If we have 15 people, it's a go! We do need chaperones to go with us! If your parents don't want to ski, they can just pay for food. We will enjoy their company! And they can babysit our lunch boxes! ;-)
There is ice skating and tubing available on the mountain. So, non-skiers have plenty to do! If you want to snowboard, there is an extra cost. See the website for details. Swish...swish...swish! It will be a long day but a blast! Email or call if you have any other questions!

Pastor Mary Frances

910-496-6287

apmclure@salemfncc.org

Finance, Attendance, and other items of interest for December

JOIN US For Wednesday Night Supper!

All menus include a salad bar, a choice of pizza or chicken nuggets, and a dessert unless noted otherwise.

January 6

Clam Chowder, Meat Loaf or BBQ Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Mac & Cheese/Cheese Potatoes, Butter Biscuits

January 13

Chicken Rice Soup, Fried Chicken, Potato Casserole, California Blend Vegetables, Rolls

January 20

Chicken and Rice Soup, Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Green Beans, Fruit Cup and Rolls

January 27

Vegetable Soup, Chicken and Pastry, Chicken Salad, Peas, Pear Salad, Rolls

February 3

Calm Chowder, Fish or Chili w/beans, Slaw, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread

Ushers for January

8:30 Pete Stallings and Clifton Culbreth
11:00

Altar Flowers

Jan 3 - Steve & Mary Patterson
Jan 10 - Ted & Rosine Dexted
Jan 17 -
Jan 24 -
Jan 31 -

Contact Rosine Dexter at 323-2033 if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary.

Lay Readers

Jan 3 - Kim Fisher
Jan 10 - Ed Bullard
Jan 17 - Myra Roberts
Jan 24 Stella Hanson
Jan 31 - UMW Sunday

Needed Weekly 2009

Needed Weekly 2009	\$12,938.83
Received Nov 29th	\$11,202.21
Received Dec 6th	\$12,035.31
Received Dec 13th	\$12,398.94
Received Dec 20th	\$11,092.00

Year-to-date December 20, 2009

Budget Needed to date	\$ 659,880.33
State Sales Tax Refund	\$ 5,438.81
SMASH & Preschool Reimb.	\$ 63,399.41
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 517,157.73
Total Monies Received	\$ 585,995.95

Building Fund

Received Nov 29th	\$ 66,681.43
Building Memorials Nov 29th	\$ 165.00
Received Dec 6th	\$ 13,382.00
Building Memorials Dec 6th	\$ 250.00
Received Dec 13th	\$ 1,670.00
Building Memorials Dec 13th	\$ 50.00
Received Dec 20th	\$ 5,435.00
Building Memorials Dec 20th	\$ 0.00

Attendance for November & December

Attendance	Nov 29	Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20
8:30	0	52	36	51
11:00	181	204	227	199
Total	181	256	263	250
Sunday School	135	130	143	144

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