



THE SALEM VISIONARY

August/September
2021

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

Without a Vision, People Perish

Casting Vision to Catch People

Read Proverbs 29: 18 Habakkuk 2: 1-4

Every Sunday is Vision Casting Time. For me, the people of God gathered share in seeing a picture of our ministry and our God that is greater than we can see on our own. When we come together, our worship and the WORD preached help us to see the vision God is calling us to fulfill. This happens because we take the time to take a stand in the tower, who is Christ, to see what God will say to us.

What is the vision of Salem? As I have experienced Salem, there is a sense of a small church with all the care and personal connection that a small church can give. This small church sense is nestled in a large church impact that reaches thousands of people in worship, in childcare and in community outreach.

This foundation of the small sense of caring and being large enough to impact greater areas is a tight wire to balance. It takes both elements to be the church that God has called Salem to be. One characteristic does not negate the other. Both complement and make whole our witness of ministry to the world.

Habakkuk reminds us that first our place is to take a stand in the tower. The tower is Christ. When we position ourselves in Christ, we begin a point of agreement that can change the world. This position in Christ allows us to see what Christ sees. When we have seen God's vision for us, the next step is to write the vision and make it clear so that those who read it may run. In the Body of Christ there are those that see the vision.

They are responsible to share the vision and share it clearly. There are others in the Body of Christ whose gift is to carry out the vision. These people tend to be detail people. It takes all of us operating in our gifts to establish God's Kingdom. It also means that we all need to be on the same page appreciating each other's gifts to accomplish the vision that has been given.

Our missions statement reads :

The Mission of Salem United Methodist Church is to be a living presence for Jesus Christ through prayer, worship, discipleship and outreach to the community.

Be the living presence of Christ by taking time to spend with Jesus. Then, live Jesus in all the facets of discipleship in which you live. The vision at Salem is one that has view of reaching our area for Christ. It is founded in a long history of love and care for the Eastover Community and the surrounding areas. God is still working in our "smallness" to do great things that impact our world with the Love of Jesus.

Winning them to Jesus,

Gil



Children and Youth Ministries

July was filled with learning about Jesus through the Deep Sea! During the week of July 19-23, we explored the Deep Sea in Vacation Bible School! We had over 77 students and 30 volunteers making VBS spectacular!

On the first day of VBS, we received our SEA Agent badge, learned about Moses and made an octopus out of names of people who can help our faith grow!

The second day of VBS we made fingerprint fish and learned that we are all unique and different. We learned about the story of the 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and how God fed over 5,000 with so little. We dug through the sand in science to find the big idea of my faith grows deeper when I use my gifts.

On the third day of VBS we explored the Deep Sea by making sea creatures out of Play-Doh. In crafts, we made suncatchers and learned more about the ocean by playing beach ball bounce.

Day 4 of VBS we jumped the waves in games and played dominoes that represented us sharing our story in science. We also learned about a man named Jonah and placed fish on a fish net of those who can help us share our story with others!

Day 5 was our water party that consisted of a dunk tank, water balloon fight, slip n slide, super soakers, and a splash pad! It was a lot of fun! Sunset Slush came and celebrated with us by scooping slush for all who attended and volunteered!

Throughout the week, the boys and girls raised money for our very own Salem Food Pantry. The boys raised \$649.38, and the girls raised \$993.13 with a grand total of \$1,682.51! Great job GIRLS!!!

Thank you so much for all of you who volunteered to help decorate, plan, teach, and so much more! I could not have done it without your help! A special thank you to the SMASH caregivers as well for all of their hard work during VBS!

Here's to VBS 2022!!



Future events are:

August 8: Bowling at B & B lanes at 12:30pm. Pizza will be provided!

August 18: Wednesday night Worship starting at 6pm
This will be an every Wednesday night event

Sept 12: Tie Dye shirts during children's church
Sept 26: Arcade at the OMNI

Oct 17: carve and paint pumpkins in children's church
Oct 23: Fall Festival

Nov 14: Paint Party during children's church

Nov 21: Thanksgiving Potluck after church service

Dec 8: Operation Christmas Child

Dec 19: Children's Christmas Party during children's church



We are getting really excited about our new youth schedule. We will begin meeting on Wednesday nights August 18th, and August 22nd we will begin our new program called core nights!

We have a lot of exciting things planned and we want your students 6th-12th grade to be a part of it. Our theme for the 2021-2022 school year is Foundations. We will be working to develop a foundation in our ministry, our lives, and how we serve.

If you have any questions please contact our youth director at Davidh@salemfnc.org



Weekly:

Wednesday nights 6-7 pm
Sunday nights - CORE Nights - 5-7 pm

Monthly Events:

August 7th Messtival 1-4 pm
September 24th Youth bowling 7-9 pm
October 24th Pumpkin Night-Time TBD
November 19th Youth Bonfire - 6-9 pm
December 19th (Not So) Silent Night 5-7 pm



What a great month it has been at SMASH. In July the kids went to the movies and saw Tom and Jerry, Ft. Fisher Aquarium, Sunset Slush, and a great week of VBS. Registration has begun for the 2021/2022 school year and we are super excited to see the kids return to the classroom full time.

The Four year old class participated in VBS and had a blast. We are currently full and have waiting lists in every classroom. We have a water day and Spirit Week planned for August. Fall pictures for the Preschool will be September 21st.

We are still looking for employees for both SMASH and the Preschool.



Mission and Outreach

Block Party Recap

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Baywood Block party! We were able to make some great connections and had a lot of fun! We can't wait till our next block party as we work to make connections in the community!



Armstrong Elementary Partner in Education: Luncheon

The beginning of a new school year is just around the corner!

Salem is collecting school supplies for children at Armstrong Elementary School, our Partner in Education, now through August 8.

We are also requesting donations of small door prize gifts for the Armstrong staff, valued at approximately \$10.00 each, which will be presented during a luncheon at Salem on August 16. We hope to honor each member of the staff for their dedication and hard work, especially during these stressful times. If you are able to donate gifts or school supplies, they would be greatly appreciated! Please bring all items to the church office or place them in the bin in the Narthex.

Thank you so much for providing school supplies needed by children and for making the staff feel valued and appreciated! If you have questions, please feel free to call the church office, Bonnie Crabtree or Jean Outlaw.

Operation INASMUCH Thank you

Thank you to our team of Volunteers who served Friday, July 30, 2021



Family Promise

"Salem's Mission to Homeless Families in Cumberland County"

SUMMER WEEK OF SERVICE IS: AUG 1 – 8.

Donations of money (extra mile giving) is requested to support four families (food & utilities support) enrolled in the "church rotation" of Family Promise. During this appx. 12 week period families save money for deposits & moving costs. Jobs, education requirements and childcare are also structured.

For additional info. contact Debbie Moody.



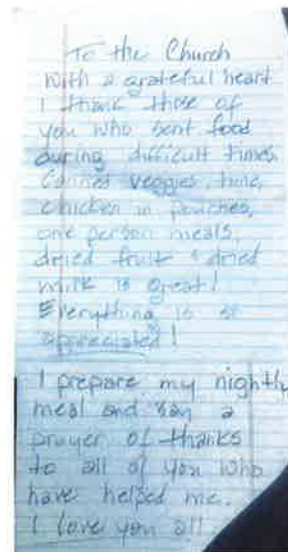
Food Pantry

Salem's Food Pantry provided frozen hamburger meat, frozen chicken legs, a pack of hotdogs, buns, canned chili, ketchup, mustard and canned baked beans for their families' 4th of July celebrations!

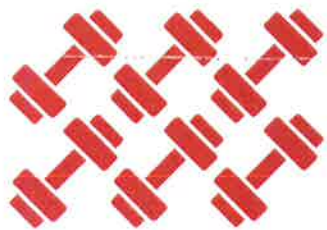
Additionally they received standard staple items.

THANK YOU to all who contribute to provide food to needy folks in our community. We are always asked to "pass along A THANK YOU" to Salem folks.

CANNED MEATS including Ravioli, SpaghettiO'S, & Beefaroni are needed.



Silver Sneakers



Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 10am-11am in the Dining Hall

If you have any questions please contact Melodie Malcolm at malcolmm0216@gmail.com

MUSIC



Thank you to all of you who participate and help with the choir every Sunday. Choir practice is on Tuesdays at 7pm. If you are interested please contact Gary.

WE ARE IN THE BIBLE APP

- Follow Along
- Take Notes
- Reference the Bible

Download the latest version of the Bible App
Bible.com/app



HOW TO FIND US

1. Make sure location settings are 'on'
2. Click the 'more' tab
3. Select 'events' to search for Salem United Methodist Church



Thank you

Many thanks to all the people who have prayed for me, sent cards, made calls, brought food and visited during my 3 surgeries. I am mending slowly but hope to heal in the weeks to come. I miss everyone and hope to return to church soon.

Love and Prayers,
Helen Smith

Important Upcoming Dates

August-December 2021

- August 3 Finance Committee/Church Council
- August 7 Youth Messtival 1-4 pm
- August 8 Children's Bowling
- August 16 Appreciation Luncheon for Armstrong Elementary Staff
- August 16 Board of Trustees
- August 28 District Disaster Relief ERT Training at Salem
- August 29 Sunday School Teacher Installation Service
- September 5 Communion Sunday
- September 6 Labor Day
- September 8 First Weekly Wednesday Family Dinner
- September 12 Sunday School Kickoff Sunday
- September 17 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for 22 Mile Run
- September 24 Youth Bowling 7-9 pm
- September 26 Finance/Church Council
- October 3 World Communion Sunday
- October 10 Charge Conference at Salem with Black's Chapel
- October 23 Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat
- October 24 Pumpkin Night-Time TBD
- October 31 Halloween / All Saints Sunday
- November 7 Homecoming Sunday / Bishop Leonard Fairley, guest preacher
- November 9 Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee
- November 17 Last Wednesday Family Dinner for this year (Break for the Holidays)
- Thanksgiving Menu & Inviting Childcare/SMASH Staff, Children & Parents
- November 19 Youth Bonfire - 6-9pm
- November 21 Christ the King Sunday
- Children's Thanksgiving Potluck Service
- November 23 Community Thanksgiving Service
- November 25 Thanksgiving
- November 28 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 5 Communion Sunday
- 2nd Sunday of Advent
- December 5 Maranatha Festival
- December 9 Staff Appreciation Christmas Dinner (Church/Childcare/SMASH)
- December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Finance/Council Meeting
- December 19 4th Sunday of Advent
- Children's Sunday Morning Christmas Party
- December 19 Parsonage Open House
- December 19 (Not So) Silent Night 5-7pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve Services at Salem
- December 25 Christmas
- December 26 First Sunday of Christmas

Budget Needed Monthly

\$ 44,166.67

Total July Offering & Tithes

\$ 36,396.75

July Building Fund Deposits

\$ 600.00

Year to date July 2021

Budget needed to date

\$ 309,166.69

Tithes & Offerings

\$ 223,998.31

Total Monies Received

\$ 326,667.00

NC Conference Events

Lay Servant Ministries Training: Living Our United Methodist Beliefs is offered by the Beacon District Lay Servant Ministries Team on August 14th, 2021. It will be held virtually (via ZOOM) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm that day. This session will be facilitated by Ginny Crocker, Beacon District LSM Co-Director, and Tom Santa, Beacon District Lay Leader. Please register online at Living Our United Methodist Beliefs Offered - Beacon District - NCCUMC.

Emergency Response Training: Salem UMC will host Emergency Response Team training led by Ann Huffman of North Carolina Conference Disaster Response Mission. This training is open not only to parishioners, but also Gateway District members and community residents interested in serving. Training will be conducted August 28th, and lunch will be provided. Please contact Ray Burkart at 910-723-4574 or Raymond.burkart@phoenixrisingusa.com for more information and sign-up, or see Katie in the Salem UMC office.

The Salem Men's Breakfast will be on Sunday August 15th, 2021 at 8 AM as well as on on Sunday, September 19th, 2021 at 8am. Please join us for a wonderful country style breakfast of scrambled eggs , bacon, sausage, biscuits, cheese grits, hot coffee and some excellent camaraderie!!!



First Responders Appreciation Events

September 11, 2021 is the 20th Anniversary of: 9-11-01

A variety of churches, groups & families will honor & appreciate "those who serve and protect us" during September and October.

Salem United Methodist Men will provide a meal (for "35" 1st Responders) on Thursday September 9. Plans are to provide gift cards as well. Contact Ray Burkart (UM Men President) for additional information.

Debbie Moody (of Salem) is the city-wide coordinator of this community event.

Groups/families are asked to provide for 8 (breakfast, lunch or dinner) or 35 people on Thursday (6 pm) training nights at Eastover Fire Dept.

Several families whose loved ones have served in a first responder capacity are providing meals and/or gift cards in their honor/memory.

If you would like to support this event, please see Ray Burkart, 910-723-4574, or Raymond.burkart@phoenixrisingusa.com. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

**If you know of someone that needs to be removed from the prayer list please let the office know. Thank you!

Church Members

Darvin Edwards	Conrad Kurtz
Lorraine Kirkwood	Jean Lugar
Lisa Johnson	Gilda Horne
Derotha Fink	Bill Roberts
Sandra Williams	Della Patterson
Jennifer Partney	Ann Hobbs
Carolyn Hardin	Weldon Hudson

Jerry McLaurin-Highland House
Sallie Darden-Heritage Place
Paula Johnson-Haymount Rehab
Lynn Baker-Fayetteville Manor
Shirley McLaurin- Bethesda

Family and Friends

Evelyn Moore, Jennifer Billings, Janice Belden, Victor Hottel, Leon Horne, Bobby House, Barry Lane, Patsy Jackson, James Chambers, Raul Santiago, Nevis Ruffin, Mary Stevens, Diane Fuller, Linda Carter, Josh Powell, Stacey Faircloth, Jim Blanton, Kenneth Adams, Laura Leach, Martha Enzor, Vernata Cherry-Britt, Nicole McGuinness, Kay Edwards, Bob Jones, Marilyn House Parkins, J. M. Butler, Jr., Erica Sutton, Eddy Clark, Brian Ramage, Ada Milagroski, Jeffrey Phillips, Denise Rhodes, Brian Wallum, Betty Parks, Betty Thompson, Camrin Hales, Cora & Sam Presley, Angie Baker, J'mair Bronson, Cici Shaw, Sammy Williams, Darla Clark, Mika Martin, Thomas Hoffler, Holly Midgette, Shenee Ruffin, Priscilla Sellers, Sandra Jones, Sharon Dunn, Jonah Nelson, Tommy Sexton, Tiffany Mullins, Giridhar Sadhu, Julia Sessoms, Wayne O'Neil, Carol LeToile, Drew Smith, Gary and Brenda Wilson, Vickie Knoch, Leslie Jackson, Bobbie Gray, Kathy Smith, LB Faircloth, Nathan Gainey, Larry Hall, Charlie Williams, Tim Kinlaw, Dana Kelly, Lauren Albright, Doug Maars, Melvin Arthur Haire Jr, Gary Ivey and Family, Ruth Heidinger, Andy Nichols and Family, Linda Disbrow, Gloria Schultz, Ginny Podorski, Haley Tyndall, John Butler, Tony Malinski, The Family of Jo Ann Kurtz

Memorials

Robert Warren

James and Rose Giles, Robert and Joy Westerkamp, Della Patterson, Amy and Henry Bowden

Joan Lovick

Mary Barbara Raynor, Joyce Jones,

Jo Ann Kurtz

Peggy Allen

Honor

Clyde Edwards

Henry and Amy Bowden

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed... so begins an old hymn of the church. Prayer is a lifestyle to be nurtured and the pastor invites all who would like a vibrant prayer life to join him in the prayer room every Sunday morning at 9 am and weekday mornings, Monday-Thursday at 7:30 am. Prayer will change your life and you will be glad for the change that takes place. Join the pastor in prayer this week.