



THE SALEM VISIONARY

February 2022

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

Does it Matter?

Who am I? What difference does this make? Life's challenges can make or break you. Meeting these challenges with the power of Christ in your life can make all the difference in the world. You cannot offer to the world what you yourself have not received.

God tells us who we are. We are His Creation. We are Loved by God. God invites us into a life that journeys alongside God. In this month of February, think about how much God Loves YOU.

Then turn that love outward into your relationships and all those you encounter. With so much hatred in the world, I am failing to see the church giving the witness of the one thing that the world needs more than anything else. They need to know that God loves them. They need to know that they are accepted in the "beloved community." They have been invited to be in the family of God. They need to know that they are a child of God.

Do you know this truth? If not take the time to read John 3:16 right now. And then read a little further into John 3:17. For those of you who know this truth it would not hurt to read it again to have a little reminder. Let this WORD fill you today. Let this WORD change your life today. Make an intentional decision to share this truth with someone else that you encounter. Pray that God will open the door and prompt you in an opportunity to share this with someone who may be discouraged today.



There was a hit song by the Black Eyed Peas that was entitled "Where is the Love?" Google the song and watch their video. It goes along with the song that Dionne Warwick sang back in 1966 entitled "What the World Needs Now" Over and over, I am hearing this message. I pray that we will take up the call and make a difference in our world for this day. If they needed it back in 1966 and in 2003, surely, we need God's Love more than ever in our world today. Go give the world what they need, not what they deserve. Break the cycle.

Winning them to Jesus,

Pastor Gil

Children and Youth Ministries

During the month of February, we have plenty of activities planned for the children's program! On February 6th from 1pm-2pm, we went to Defy Gravity in Fayetteville, NC to jump into the New Year! February 9 and 23 are the dates for Salem Kids Nights, where dinner will be provided. Childcare for K-5th grade will be provided during the Valentine's Dinner on February 12 at 6pm. The last outing of the month of February will be on the 27th where we will be bowling at B&B Bowling Lanes!

We can't wait to see you and spread the love of Jesus through fun and fellowship!

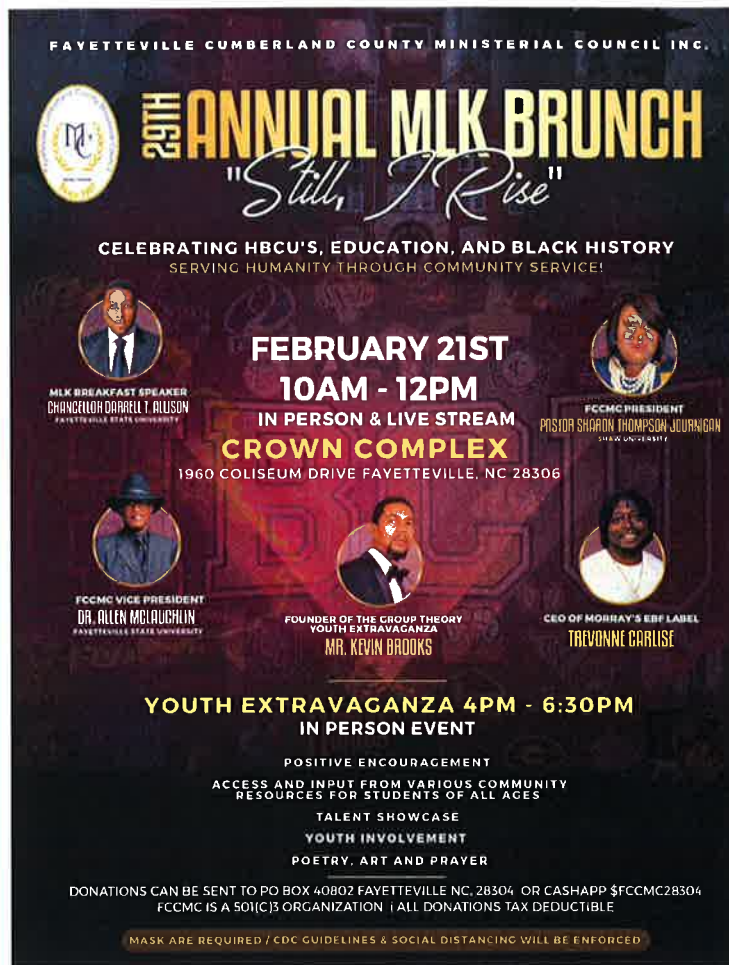
Contact Caitlin Craven if you have any questions at children@salemfnc.org!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
FEBRUARY

- 9 SALEM KIDS NIGHT
- 12 VALENTINE'S DINNER
- 13 VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY
- 23 SALEM KIDS NIGHT
- 27 BOWLING

CONTACT CAITLIN CRAVEN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
CHILDREN@SALEMFNC.ORG



FAYETTEVILLE CUMBERLAND COUNTY MINISTERIAL COUNCIL INC.

2022 ANNUAL MLK BRUNCH
"Still, I Rise"

CELEBRATING HBCU'S, EDUCATION, AND BLACK HISTORY
SERVING HUMANITY THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE!

FEBRUARY 21ST
10AM - 12PM
IN PERSON & LIVE STREAM
CROWN COMPLEX
1960 COLISEUM DRIVE FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28306

MLK BREAKFAST SPEAKER
CHANCELLOR ORRABELT ALLISON
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

FCCMC PRESIDENT
PASTOR SHARON THOMPSON JOURNIGAN
SHAW UNIVERSITY

FCCMC VICE PRESIDENT
DR. ALLEN MCALACHLIN
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

FOUNDER OF THE GROUP THEORY YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA
MR. KEVIN BROOKS

CEO OF MORRAY'S EBF LABEL
TREVONNE CARLISE

YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA 4PM - 6:30PM
IN PERSON EVENT

POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT
ACCESS AND INPUT FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES
TALENT SHOWCASE
YOUTH INVOLVEMENT
POETRY, ART AND PRAYER

DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO PO BOX 40802 FAYETTEVILLE NC, 28304 OR CASHAPP \$FCCMC28304
FCCMC IS A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION | ALL DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

MASK ARE REQUIRED / CDC GUIDELINES & SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE ENFORCED

The Fayetteville/Cumberland County Ministerial Council has rescheduled the MLK Celebration event after it was cancelled due to inclement weather. Pray for and support this event.



We had a great time at our Fry Day event. We went to 10 fast food locations to try their French fries. We graded them on the look, smell, texture, seasoning, dip-ability, and WEMWIT (Would eat my weight in these). It was so much fun. Chick-Fil-A was our winner, and they were so excited to be voted the best French fries, they got the golden potato head! Our next event will be on March 19th when we will be having a photo scavenger hunt! It's going to be a lot of fun and we can't wait!

We meet every Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm and on Sunday nights 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Right now we are going through a series called known as we explore who God is and being to understand our identity in Christ.

Upcoming Events and Dates:

March 19th Photo Scavenger Hunt

April 30th Cupcake wars

May 21st End of Year Bash!

June 25th Messtival 2022

July 12-15th M28 Camp



Hello from the Preschool, SMASH and e-Merge programs. In SMASH/e-Merge we were able to move a few kids off the waiting list and have added some to the list leaving us with a waiting list of 30 children. On February 14th and 15th we will have an all Day SMASH and plan to have a special valentine craft and goodies. We had a few "Moving-Up" celebrations in the preschool classrooms. We had a few infants test positive for COVID, causing us to close the infant room for a week but thankfully everyone is okay. We are planning a Valentine party for February 14th.

Sandy Rothwell celebrated 24 years of employment at the preschool on January 18th; Sandy was the lead teacher in the infant room until her promotion last year to Assistant Director.

We currently have a total of 113 children on the waiting list for the Preschool and are currently seeking employees in both the Preschool and SMASH/e-Merge programs. Thank you for your continued support of our childcare programs.



Mission and Outreach

Annual BBQ is BACK!!!

Volunteers needed for BBQ Fundraiser, March 11!

We need servers, delivery drivers, cleanup crew, etc. Please contact Fred McDaniel (910-709-9281), Betty Ann Crawford (910-578-8139) or call church office. Also please see Kim McPhail for baked good donations to the Bake Sale. Let's make this a great success!



Salem
United Methodist
2165 Middle Rd • Eastover NC

BBQ

FRIDAY MARCH 11, 22
11AM - 7PM Tickets \$10

BBQ Pork or Chicken Breast
Slaw • Green Beans • Hush Puppies
Desserts Available for Sale

Delivery Available on 10 plates or more
Eat In or Take Out
910-483-8959

Food Pantry

Thursdays 9 - 11 am

Other times by prearrangement

Mid January as North Carolina prepared for ice/snow, Salem Food Pantry was ready for a BIG REQUEST Day on Thursday Jan 20. Volunteers delivered food to the cars of folks who drove up. How comforting to all of the church to know that folks had meals for the weekend as the snow & ice piled a few inches deep. Reports came that vegetable soup, baked chicken legs, Macaroni & cheese and beans were cooked & enjoyed!

THANK YOU SALEM CHURCH !!

NEEDS:

Canned meats (chicken especially)
Ravioli (types), canned meats
Cash donations

Family Promise

“Salem’s Mission to Homeless Families in Cumberland County”

Jan. 9-15 Salem Church provided food, staple items and utilities/insurance support for 4 families enrolled in Family Promise. Five parents, 2 teenagers, 4 preteenagers, 2 elementary age, and one preschooler comprised the families. Please continue to pray for these families as they work to rebuild their homes.

Household items (both new & gently used) are collected & donated during the year. Contact Debbie Moody for needs and information.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
But also to the interests of others. *Philippians 2:4*

NC Conference Events



Online Learning: The NC Conference of the United Methodist Church Media Center has created the new Online Learning Opportunities Calendar to learn about upcoming events you may sign up for. Please explore the website at <https://nccumc.org/mediacenter/events/>.

Emergency Response Team Training: Care to join Salem UMC's Emergency Response Team? Training will be available February 19th, 2022 from 8:30 Am to 4:30 PM at the NC Conference Building, 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner, NC. Link to sign-up is Training - Disaster Ministries - NC Conference (nccumc.org) or contact Ann Huffman at ahuffman@nccumc.org. Early Response Teams (ERT) help make homes safe and sanitary after a natural disaster. Register for an upcoming course to learn how to muck out homes, tarp roofs, and safely remove debris.

Stephen's Ministries

We are looking for compassionate volunteers to support our Stephen's Ministry Team providing support to church members experiencing pain and grief. Want to make a difference? This is a great opportunity to serve by actively addressing the suffering of humanity. Make a difference!

Please see Ray Burkart or Carol Hudson for more information, thank you!

Operation INASMUCH

It's here - This is the month! Operation Inasmuch
Bread 'n Bowls

Friday, February 25th 11:00 -2:00

Snyder Baptist Church - 701 Westmont Dr.

Your choice of creamy potato soup or Chili

\$10 if you get your ticket before the event \$15 at the door

Silent and live auction, bake sale and cookie walk

Salem UMC has been with Fayetteville Operation Inasmuch from the very beginning. This is our 15th annual Bread 'n Bowls. Please support this wonderful mission and buy your \$10 ticket.

Betty Smith has tickets and will be happy to get them to you.

CALLING ALL SALEM BAKERS

We need your help for our bake sale and cookie walk. We are in need of cakes, pies and cookies. If you would be willing to bake please let Betty Smith know as soon as possible.

Thank you Salem for your continued dedication to our mission to help those in need by giving a hand up not a hand out.

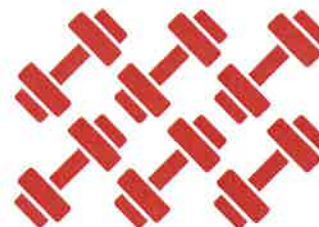
Betty Smith



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



Budget Needed Monthly

\$ 45,000.00

Total January Offering & Tithes

\$ 32,145.00

January Building Fund Deposits

\$ 475.00

January Memorial Donations

\$ 100.00

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Please contact Betty Ann Crawford
or church office if interested!



There will be NO BREAKFAST meeting in February. Please join us for a delicious country style breakfast at 8 AM in the lower fellowship hall on Sunday March 20th, 2022. Enjoy sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits, juice and coffee! We will be starting our Barbarian Way journey! See you there!



Annual Valentines Dinner

This will take place on Saturday
February 12th at 6 PM. Tickets are \$25
for men and women eat free!!!

A Special Thank You!

To the Members of Salem United Methodist Church,

Words can not begin to express the heartfelt emotions that came over me when I walked into Mrs. Katie's office and saw all the gifts that were purchased on behalf of myself, my daughters and my Granny. I can never say Thank you enough for all your generosity & for the time & thought it took to pick out & purchase the perfect gifts that were given to us on Christmas Day! Every gift was special & perfect as if they were hand picked by a close friend or family member. My Daughters were so overjoyed on Christmas morning. To see the smile on their faces & to know that so many wonderful people that we did not know to the time to make sure our Christmas was special too, it touched me to my soul & once again I was overcome with emotions. I pray that God showers down blessing on each one of you & SBMC as a whole. I pray that next year God will put me in a position to be able to also help the next Angel Tree Family the way I myself & my children were blessed!

Thank you Again,

Angel Tree Family 2021

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
Carolyn Hardin	Ann Hobbs
Kenneth Sykes Sr.	Weldon Hudson
Ann Hobbs	Marcia House
Weldon Hudson	Grayson Marsh
Trillma Prebbenow	Bill Marsh
Jarrett Dean	Ron Williams

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

Family and Friends

Kyle Powers (heart), Eddie Bowen, Del Gray, Alice Cashwell, Robert, Vickie and Michelle Knoch, Travis Wages (Gary Wages' Brother), Lila Cass, John Butler, Mike Butler, Linda Butler, Angie Baker, Linda Disbrow, Leslie Horne, Sandra Jones, Randall Idol, Bill Smith, Scott Armentrout, Daniel Knox (cancer), Doug Curry (COVID), Steve Strickland, Suzanne Hornbuckle, Banks, Ashley and Chris Woodside, Brooke Autry's mother, Minnie Edwards, Sue Grissom, Atlas Diaz (one of our preschoolers/head injury), Abraham Beniquin, Jennifer Johnson, , Del Gray, Bobby Hudson, Sarah Crawley, Ruth Robertson, Irene Bowden, Ed and Helen Kurtz, Al Cox, Theresa Perry, Sharon (cancer), Doug Curry, Daniel Knox, Sarah Showman, Danielle Hamilton, Barbara Powers, Chase Fraley, Joanne Gentry, Del Gray, Sarah Crawley, Kenneth P., Joseph Everett, Ron Hardy, Jessica and Joel Hendren, Danny Davis, Sr., Evelyn Moore, Betty Tucker, Alan Tucker, and Anne Hodges

Memorials

Jennie McLaurin

Tim McLaurin

Edgar McLaurin

Ruth McLaurin

Bobbie Gray

Ed and Ruby Bullard

Clifton and Norma Lee Culbreth

Scott and Sherrie Culbreth

Tommy Sexton

Della Patterson

Honors

Kenneth and Claire

Lynn's 70th Anniversary

Jimmy and Bonnie Crabtree