

SALEM'S MESSAGE

To love God, to love people & to spread God's word

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Weekend Worship

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:30 am

Sunday School at 9:00 am

Adult Studies at 9:15am

Youth/Confirmation at 9:15am

Pastor's Desk



“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, ESV)

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May God's blessings overflow into our homes as we continue learning about the family, as God ordained it, and His desired culture for a Christian home. Our Summer Quarterly revealed how the family was established. We looked at the origin and structure of the family coming directly from God in the beginning. (Genesis 2) This Fall Quarterly will look at the daily practices that a Christian family is to strive after, to implement, and to strengthen in their home, so that they may bear the good fruits of a blessed home. The best resource to look to for the truth, in every aspect of life, is God's Word, the Holy Bible. Jesus speaks clearly about this in His prayer for His disciples in John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." God's Word reveals what is true, good, beautiful, and holy. His word changes us for the better! Therefore, we must keep God's Word as the foundation of our family's home. The reading from Deuteronomy directs our attention as to how a Godly-home should function in its daily life in order to experience God's blessings. We must keep God's word, both Law and Gospel, on our heart, in our mind, strategically placed throughout our home, and hopefully expressed by our actions throughout our daily life. There are several practical habits I would like to speak of that a Christian home should establish in their desire to experience God's blessings. First is the regular memorization of Bible verses by all members of the family. This must be a life-long pursuit, because this is how the Word of Life, both Law and Gospel, fills a home. It must have a deepening presence within each member of the family. The memorized Word of God brings life and beauty into each of us. Jesus explains, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4) The Word brings life! It is the means by which the Holy Spirit thrives within us and guides us into ways that are good, pleasing, and holy before God Almighty for our blessing and the benefit of our family. Saint Paul explains in Romans 10:17 that "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ." As the Holy Spirit grows our faith He changes our desires, thoughts, and actions.

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The more we are filled up by His Word throughout the day the greater the blessings are that follow. With this in mind, I would also recommend establishing the practice of regularly listening to hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs throughout the day. Start, live, and conclude your day with the beauty of Godly music. Allow it to fill you up and you will notice tremendous differences in your life. And as a final recommendation for this quarter, God's people are called to act in accordance with the Word of God, both Law and Gospel, in their daily interactions. As we fill our heart, mind, spirit, and home with the Word of God through memoization and music, let us also be intentional in keeping Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection for all as the centerpiece of our family. His mercy and grace, our repentance and forgiveness all leading to a new life as children of God.

I pray that you will accept my invitation this Fall Quarter to memorize the following two verses from the New Testament book of Colossians, chapter three. The first seventeen verses would be exceptional, but beginning with verses 16 and 17 is a wonderful start to blessing your homes.

"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father." (Colossians 3:16-17, ESV)

All glory be to God and may He richly bless our families homes,
Pastor Eric Goodwin - John 3:16-17

Bible Trivia

1. Who cut off a soldier's ear when Jesus was being arrested?
2. At what time of day did God create Adam?
3. What New Testament book has Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?
4. How many days did God take to create the world?
5. Why did the unemployed man get excited while looking through his Bible?



Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner November 23rd 3:00-6:00pm



GIVE
THANKS



Thanks to everyone who came out to our Church Picnic & Worship Service.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

-WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL WEEK THANKS TO THE 17 VOLUNTEERS AND 28 STUDENTS WE HAD PARTICIPATE. THROUGH STELLAR WE LEARNED TO SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!



Bible Studies

**Adult Bible Study:*

"The Book of Acts"

Thurs @ 1pm & Sun @ 9:15am
in Meeting House

**Men's Bible Study:*

"33 The Series"

Tues @ 6-7:30pm
upstairs in Meeting House

**Women's Bible Study:*

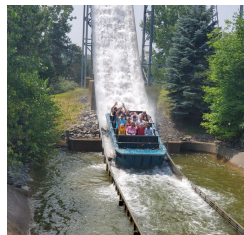
"12 Women of the Bible"

Tues @ 6-7:30pm
downstairs in Meeting House



Kingdom Bound was a success this year! Save the dates for next year July 29th-31st.

A three-day multi-stage Christian Music and Arts Festival at Six Flags Darien Lake NY



Trivia Answers. 1. Peter 2. Just before Eve 3. Matthew 4. 6 days 5.He thought he saw a job.



OFFICIAL ACTS

FUNERAL

† Linda Hall

- Entered into rest on November 19, 2022
- Celebration of Life was held on August 5, 2023 here at Salem
- Pastor Eric Goodwin officiated.

NEW MEMBERS

- Dave North
- Kelly Benkelman
- Barbara Senus
- Patrick Bishop

PRESCHOOL NEWS GRADUATION



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The Five Finger Prayer

The five finger prayer is a great way to teach someone to pray, or a good model for anyone to use to pray. Remember, James 5:13-16 teaches us to pray for one another.

-First, your thumb is nearest you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you.

-Second, the next finger, is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and offer comfort. This can include teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.

-Third comes the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide the public in many different ways. They need God's guidance.

-Fourth comes our ring finger. We could pray for marriages and families. We could also pray for those who are weak, because our ring finger is the weakest of the five. You cannot pray too much for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.

-Fifth comes our little finger. It is the smallest of the five. It should remind us of our place in relation to God and others. God's Word teaches us that, "the least shall be the greatest among you" (Matthew 23:11). Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

-Are you praying?

-Lance Morrisett- Hooker church of Christ, OK