

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



"Family Ministry"

"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 6:6-9)

Family Ministry is at its best when it involves the entire family. That may sound obvious, but it is not often embraced in our society today. Once upon a time, fathers, mothers, and children would participate as a family unit in worship and Bible study each weekend. They would also attend Christian social gatherings as a family in order to grow in their faith and Christian friendships together. Through this practice, children saw how central the Christian faith was in the life of their parents with their own eyes and heard it with their own ears. In addition, parents also had opportunities to experience growth in their faith through the Christian testimonies of their own children. Unfortunately, that is now a dramatically different model from what is seen in far too many houses of worship in American society today. Instead, there is a "Drop off" Christian education and worship model that is currently popular. I call it the "Drop Off" model because parents are encouraged to drop their children off at Children's Church instead of engaging in worship together. There are "drop off" youth ministries where mom and dad do not have a time of fellowship and Bible study with their children, instead they look to others to develop the spiritual life of their children. Sadly, through this model, parents and children have separate worship experiences, separate sermons, separate music, separate friendships, separate fun times,

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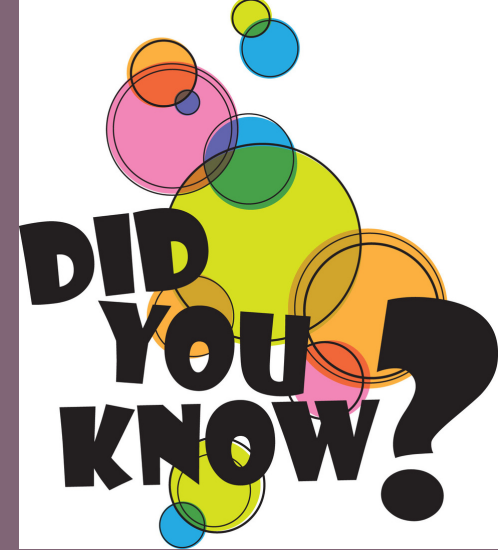
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separate stories until they come back together for the ride home. This practice of separation fails to build up the Christian family. This is not good. Statistically more children, both boys and girls, will personally embrace and have a life-long love for God when they see their mother and father actively involved in worship, Bible study, and Christian fellowship with them. ("Kids Stay in Church if Dad Goes to Church", Catholic Exchange, August 4, 2022) With this in mind, there are many intentional ministry opportunities for families at Salem. Especially throughout the Christmas season, we feel very blessed to have these opportunities and look forward to even more in our future. As you look through the Quarterly Newsletter, I hope you will not only notice but also choose to participate in many of these ministries. Parents are always welcome to attend Sunday school and Bible classes with their children, and children are always welcome to join their parents in their Bible studies throughout the week. We strive to build friendships and faith through joining together in the study of God's Word, our worship of God, and many acts of loving service to our community. May God bless us richly as we strive to grow closer together as Christian families and a church community all for the glory of God and the growth of His Kingdom that grants everlasting life.

Pastor Eric A. Goodwin
John 3:16-17



- *Methuselah lived the longest of any man in the Bible: 969 years! (*Genesis 5:27*)
- *Samson used the jawbone of a donkey to kill 1000 men. (*Judges 15:15*)
- *There was a man with 6 fingers and 6 toes. (*2 Samuel 21:20*)
- *Job said his wife thought he had bad breath. (*Job 19:17*)
- *Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born. (*Genesis 5:3*)



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday,
December 17th
10:30am



Free Spaghetti Dinners
Thursdays
Dec. 21st, Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th

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Wed. February 14, 2024
Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm

Preschool News

Thank you to Springville Fire Company for coming out and teaching us about fire prevention.



THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE PRESCHOOL CUBA CHEESE FUNDRAISER. IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS! ORDERS SHOULD BE ARRIVING IN EARLY DECEMBER.



HOLIDAY SERVICES

-NO SERVICE ON SATURDAY, DEC 23RD

-CANDLELIGHT SERVICES ON DEC. 24TH

@ 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM

-COFFEE WITH CHRIST ON DEC. 25TH

@ 10:30 AM

-CHURCH BASEMENT

-NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE ON DEC. 31 ST

@ 10:30 AM



Bible Studies

*Adult Bible Study:

"THE BOOK OF ACTS"

Thursday @ 1pm

in Meeting House

"OK, I'M A CHRISTIAN NOW WHAT"

Sunday @ 9:15 am

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

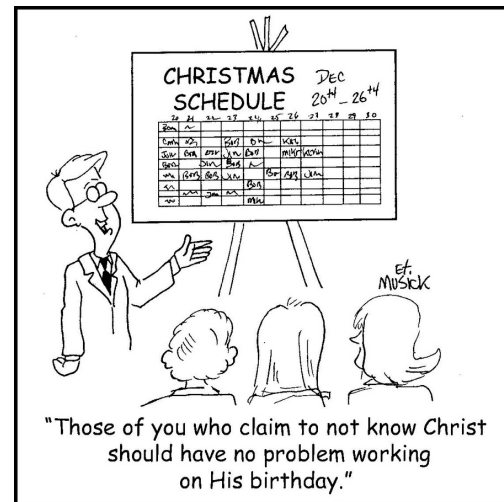
***ANYONE IS WELCOME ANYTIME
JUST STOP IN***



Christmas
Cookie &
Bake Sale
Dec. 2nd at
8:30am-12pm



Drive Thru Nativity
Dec. 9th * 5:30-7pm



TRUNK OR TREAT

Thank you to everyone who participated.



Coffee With Christ

Monday, December 25th
10:30am- church basement



Music
Message
Coffee
Refreshments



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Thanksgiving Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped this year with our Community Thanksgiving Dinner. All of the people involved make it the success that it is. Special thank you to the Schneider Family for organizing everything and making it run so smoothly. This was the 24th year that we have been serving our community Thanksgiving Dinner. It is truly a blessing.

