

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



BY PASTOR GOODWIN

Have you ever considered that 'the fullness of time' involved a very dangerous time. The Roman Empire was a tyrannical, polytheistic, and vicious ruling authority in the world. They were aggressively and physically destroying any person or teaching that would challenge their own governmental authority and sovereignty. It was clearly understood by all people that at that time celebrating the arrival of The King of Kings would lead to great danger. However, danger would not stop believers from worshipping the amazing gift of God. The gift was too great, too glorious for them to remain silent. The love of God was too profound and all-encompassing to allow a fearful-paralysis to overwhelm their heart and mind. Jesus, God incarnate, has come to save us all from the power of sin, death, and the Devil. God's power and majesty are clearly on display through the host of heavenly angels that we read about each Christmas season in the Gospel of Luke quoted

above. How can the people of God be silent when such power and love are on display for all to see? They cannot ... we cannot! We also will not succumb to a fear of earthly powers over and above our fear, love, and trust in Jesus. We also, just like the faithful witnesses of Godly men and women who have come before us, will be a people that proclaim the life and the joy of Christmas. Whether in a time of danger or safety, this time is the perfect time that God has ordained for us to proclaim Christ the Savior is born! We cannot be silent, we cannot be overcome with fear in the face of danger, we cannot stop worshipping Jesus. The gift is too great! The love is too profound! Christ the Savior is born! Hallelujah and Amen.
-Pastor Eric Goodwin
John 3:16-17

*And the angel said to them,
"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" The Gospel of Luke 2:10-14
Jesus entered the world in 'the fullness of time' (Galatians 4:4-5).*

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Carrie Goodwin's

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Carrie Goodwin's
Mission Trip to South
Africa is going.



Holiday Services



Christmas Eve- December 24, 2022

-5pm & 7pm

Christmas Day- December 25, 2022

-Coffee with Christ

-10:30am in basement

New Year's Eve- December 31, 2022

-4pm

New Year's Day- January 1, 2023

-10:30am



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND PARTICIPATED WITH OUR CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE AND GIFT SHOPPE. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Authentic Manhood - 33 The Series

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Attention Men.

*** Our world desperately needs better men. In January we will be starting a Men's interactive Bible study called 33 The Series. It is designed to inspire and equip men to pursue authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ in His 33 years on earth.

In our time together we will watch well produced and engaging videos and then discuss highlights and application in our lives. If interested please contact Bob Beach 716-997-7736 or Bruce Hitchcock 716-353-0264.



"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISM

-Kenneth Phillip Wright

November 27, 2022

son of Melanie & Daniel

Wright

FUNERAL

Bernadine Veith

-Entered into rest on

September 19, 2022

-Service was held on
September 24, 2022.

-Pastor Eric Goodwin
officiated.

RECEIVED INTO

MEMBERSHIP

-Mary Jane Meli

-Kathy Powenski

Trunk or Treat



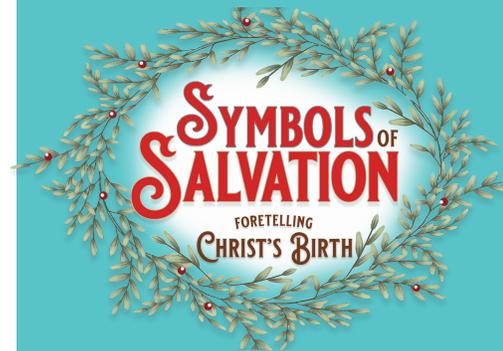
Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023



COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI DINNER

December 15th
January 19th
February 16th

4:30-6:00 pm



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 18, 2022
10:30AM



Preschool News

Five alumni from Miss Erica's 4 year old preschool class worked at the preschool this summer: Karie Knoll, Nick Tillinghast, Eirinn Mangan, Alexandria Simmons, and Nathan Tillinghast.

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Testimony

For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. They are plans for Good and not for disaster. To give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11. I have always been a planner. I like to know exactly what is going to happen when. I planned my future. In high school, I knew that I was going to marry Michael. I would become an elementary teacher in the school district where I grew up. We would have two children; a boy and a girl and life would be perfect. “Right? Well, even though Mike and I were high school sweethearts who met performing in the musicals at Hamburg high school, he didn’t seem to know that he was supposed to propose by a certain time when I was in college. Fortunately, he did eventually propose and we got married. However, that dream job that I wanted didn’t work out. It wasn’t until I fell on my knees in our kitchen and surrendered my plans to God that I was able to see that his plan for our life was better than mine. God’s plan relocated us to the Southern Tier

and I began teaching middle school English. Surprisingly, this is where I was meant to be. Over the course of several years, I was able to feel God work through me in the lives of the people around me. “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12 God blessed us with four wonderful children instead of the two that I planned. Each child is a joy and brings hope to our future. We know that they love the Lord and will do great things. Our most recent testimony moment revolves around our youngest daughter Ruth. Shortly after we made the difficult decision to leave the church where we were heavily involved and joined Salem, Ruth was diagnosed with a chronic form of Leukemia. We are reminded daily that health is not guaranteed. Just because we are Christians doesn’t mean we won’t face trials. Last year, we watched as she underwent a bone marrow transplant with a donation from her sister Adelaide who was a perfect match. (Clearly, a moment designed by God.) Over the past four and a half years since her diagnosis, we have witnessed God touch our lives in intimate ways. For example, when family and friends have provided for us and cared for our children in times of need. Often these moments seemed to have just fallen in our laps, but we know that God is providing for and comforting us. We’ve also created good friends with whom we’ve been able to share our faith and provide comfort in difficult times. “This is my command- be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 Life has certainly not turned out to be the perfect life that I planned in my teen years. It’s been better. Michael and I have endured many trials together. Through our faith and trust in the Lord, we know that we can do all things through Christ. It is he who gives us strength to face each day. -By Elizabeth Weber