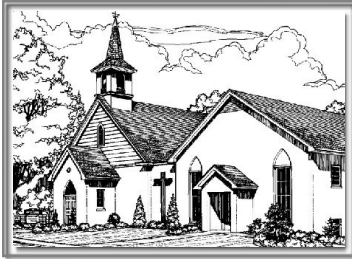


# Mountain Shepherd

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Salem Community Church  
Wolfsville



**1** Salem Community Church celebrates its **1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday, September 15, 2024  
Join us for cake

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## Lord's Acre Festival *turns 64* *Always the Second Saturday in September*

**LORD'S ACRE Festival**  
Saturday  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**  
Wolfsville Ruritan Park  
**Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.**  
Live Auction: 6:00 p.m.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



*Oh, those Lord's Acre pies! . . .  
always a favorite at the festival.*

- FOOD** (2:00-6:00 p.m.)
- Homemade Soups (beef vegetable, ham bean & chicken noodle)
  - Sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog & pulled pork with cole slaw)
  - French Fries
  - Baked Goods (pies, cookies, cakes, more)
  - Soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water

- ICE CREAM** 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- Hand-dipped by the bowl

- CRAFTS & FANCY NEEDLEWORK** (2:00-6:00 p.m.)
- A wide variety of handmade fancy needlework and craft items.

- PRODUCE** 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- Fresh produce, fruits, vegetables & plants.

- FLEA TABLES** 2:00-6:00 p.m.
- Household items and books.
  - Nothing is priced. Your donation buys it.
  - Contact: Polly Doyle

**FREE ADMISSION  
FREE PARKING  
RAIN OR SHINE**

- SILENT AUCTION** 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- Donated items.
  - Contact: Amy McCormick

- MUSIC** Various intervals throughout the afternoon
- "The Irons Family"

- LIVE AUCTION** 6:00 p.m.
- Unique & unsold items
  - Numerous items made by the late Stanley Kline, well-known Myersville woodworker. (Donated by his family.)
  - Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer



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**Salem Vision Statement:**

Building Connections.  
Growing God's Family.

**Salem Mission Statement:**

Bringing hope by sharing the peace of Christ through teaching His word, extending His grace, and serving others in His love.

**Colophon:**

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**Purpose of Newsletter:**

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

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**July 2024 — Average Worship Attendance**

86 Sanctuary  
36 Zoom Online  
122 TOTAL



## 2024 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Given to Projects Jan—July

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission ..... \$1,460.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) ..... 0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)..... \$3,561.06
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber) **NEW in 2024**..... \$350.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) ..... \$6,929.01
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) ..... \$940.00
7. Board of Child Care (Martinsburg Campus) ..... \$750.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) ..... \$175.00
9. Open for 2024 ..... 0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) ..... \$1,500.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick ..... \$1,835.50
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) ..... \$301.00
13. Heroes' Club **NEW in 2024** ..... 0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) ..... \$245.00

TOTAL GIVEN to these projects in 2024 to date ..... \$18,046.57

**Here's how you can give . . .**

1. Make checks payable to Salem Community Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
3. Place your contributions in the offering box at church, designate electronically, or mail to Salem. If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

### MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

*Salem Mission Project No. 4*

#### Christ Cream Ministry

In January of this year, Salem added a new mission project called Christ Cream Ministry, led by Tim Leber, well-known coach, teacher and leader of Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Middletown schools before retiring two years ago.

While teaching, Tim often said when he retired he didn't want to just retire from something but rather retire to something.

Tim describes this ministry as very simple— it's just free ice cream and prayers.

Tim takes his van loaded with ice cream to churches, vacation Bible schools, outdoor picnics, school events, summer camps, family reunions, wherever he is invited. Tim has attended several events at Salem and most recently the Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School.

In early August, the *Frederick News-Post* published a story about Tim's ministry at the Frederick Rescue Mission. Every Tuesday, Tim goes to the Mission to serve the people waiting in line for free groceries, food or clothing. According to the article, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, people waiting for the Mission's Food Distribution Center to open at 1:30 p.m. lined across the block. Tim was there, giving the children (and adults) ice cream and offering a prayer for each one. The Mission welcomes Tim's ministry saying it's such a festive thing and gives everyone a little spurt of fun and refreshment.



*Tim Leber stands next to his orange and yellow striped van with an image of Jesus on it.*

[So far this year, Salem has provided \$350 to the Christ Cream Ministry.]

# Who's Doing What, When? September 2024

9:00 A.M. SANCTUARY & ONLINE ZOOM WORSHIP

### Lay Reader

- 1 Marlene Young
- 8 Mary Ellen Eccard
- 15 Lora McGraw
- 22 Dennis Leatherman
- 29 Camilo Barkdoll

### Acolyte

- 1 Shelby Leatherman
- 8 Saralyn Irons
- 15 Landon Lafferty
- 22 Lawson Rouzee
- 29 Cheyenne Leatherman

### Organist/Pianist

- 1 Sara Weitzel
- 8 Sara Weitzel
- 15 Sara Weitzel
- 22 Sara Weitzel
- 29 Susie Stottlemeyer

### Computer

- 1 Robin Haupt
- 8 Wanda Barkdoll
- 15 Michael Burrier
- 22 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 29 Wanda Barkdoll

### Camera

- 1 Michael Burrier
- 8 Brandon Leatherman
- 15 Robin Haupt
- 22 Cathie Elsbach
- 29 Brandon Leatherman

### Greeter

- 1 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 8 Dennis & Ruth Draper
- 15 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 22 Barkdoll Family
- 29 Joy Barkdoll

## A Bit of History

### Where did the idea of a Lord's Acre Festival originate?

The Lord's Acre program was developed in the southeastern United States as a means of raising funds in small congregations with limited financial resources.

A "portion" or "acre" of a church member's land was set aside to raise crops, or sometimes farm animals, to be sold to benefit the church.

Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other salable talent they possessed. The Lord's Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

#### Salem's Lord's Acre Festival

Salem's Lord's Acre Festival, an annual event which began in 1960, works just that way. Most everything sold is donated by members and friends.

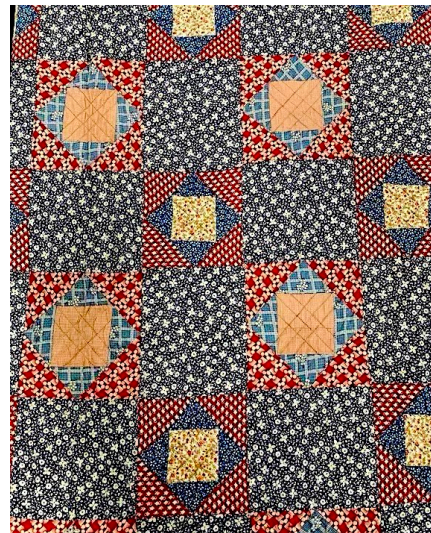
In the festival's early years, one Salem family raised a hog, butchered it, and donated a sugar-cured ham which was sold at auction by the pound.

Salem's first Lord's Acre Festival was held on October 8, 1960, during the pastorate of Rev. John W. Schildt. It was Rev. Schildt who introduced the Lord's Acre "idea" to the Salem congregation and helped to get it started. The profit from that first festival totaled \$742.34.

#### In the old Wolfsville School: 1960-69

In the 1960's, the festival was held in the old Wolfsville School, located adjacent to the church (where the parsonage and parking lot are now).

All of the activities were held indoors on the lower level of the school building, which was decorated by the Youth Fellowship with harvest-time decorations like corn shocks, colored leaves,



This year's featured quilt, donated by Caroline Miller, will be auctioned at the 6 p.m. live auction.

pumpkins and gourds.

#### Move to Wolfsville Ruritan Park: 1970

During the late 1960's, the condition of the old school house was deteriorating, and in 1970, Salem decided to move the festival to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. At the park, the festival had room to grow, and that it did.

Much of the food menu has remained the same since the festival's beginning—homemade soups, good country cooking. Many people attend the festival to eat the homemade food that has been so consistently delicious for so many years.

God has blessed our efforts and we praise Him for it. Profits go to Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

—Bill Burrier

## It's Your Day!



### September Anniversaries

- 1 - Heidi & Trevor Agostini-Broadt
- 8 - David & Sharon Harshman
- 13 - Bill & Joyce Weaver
- 14 - Dan & Jamie Lafferty
- 16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder
- 17 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
- 19 - Klaus & Tonia Mueller
- 20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier
- 30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson
- 30 - Tim & Mary Ellen Eccard

### September Birthdays

- 2 - Dawn Brown
- 3 - Emmanuel Barkdoll
- 5 - David Kline
- 6 - Marilyn Leatherman
- 7 - Sarah Burrier
- 8 - David Harshman
- 9 - David Brandenburg
- 10 - Nevaeh Mellott
- 14 - Mary Cline
- 14 - Meredith Harshman
- 14 - Dan Lafferty
- 18 - Justinn Irons
- 19 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 19 - Cody Leatherman
- 21 - Delilah Herrell
- 26 - Bobby Fogle
- 27 - Terri Buhrman
- 27 - Rebecca Leatherman Potter



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### Pastor Neil's OFFICE HOURS

**Monday** 10:00-5:00 (office)

Study and Sermon Prep

**Tuesday** 8:30-5:00 (office)

Study and Sermon Prep

**Wednesday** 8:30-5:00 (office)

Study and Administration

**Thursday** 9:00-5:00 Visitation

**Friday** 8:30-5:00 (office)

Study and Sermon Prep

**Saturday** (day off)

(I am available to meet with you and family members at the hospital prior to surgery.)



## INSPIRATIONAL Reading

### Life's Golden Autumn

By Helen Steiner Rice

Birthdays come and birthdays go  
and with them comes the thought  
Of all the happy memories  
that the passing years have brought—  
And looking back across the years  
it's a joy to reminisce

For memory opens wide the door  
on a happy day like this,  
And with a sweet nostalgia  
we longingly recall

The happy days of long ago  
that seem the best of all—

But time cannot be halted  
in its swift and endless flight  
And age is sure to follow youth  
as day comes after night—  
And once again it's proven  
that the restless brain of man  
Is powerless to alter

God's great unchanging plan—  
But while our step grows slower  
and we grow more tired, too,  
The soul goes soaring upward  
to realms untouched and new,  
For growing older only means  
the spirit grows serene  
And we behold things with our souls  
that our eyes have never seen—  
And birthdays are but gateways  
to eternal life above  
Where "God's children" live forever  
in the beauty of His love.



### Smiles

Author Unknown

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu.  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.

I walked around the corner,  
And someone saw me grin.  
When he smiled, I realized I had passed it on to him.

I thought about the smile and I realized its worth  
A single smile like mine  
Could travel around the world.

So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic and get the world infected.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



## RECIPE



### Baked Apple Squares

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 3/4 cups sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs	1 cup cooking oil
2 cups sifted flour	2 cups thinly sliced McIntosh apples
1 teaspoon baking powder	1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
1 teaspoon cinnamon	
1/2 teaspoon salt	

#### DIRECTIONS:

Beat sugar and eggs until light colored. Add sifted dry ingredients. Add oil and vanilla. Fold in thinly sliced apples and chopped nuts. Bake in greased 9 x 13 inch pan at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Place pan on rack to cool. Cut in squares. May be frozen.

*Selected from a cookbook titled, "KEEP COOKING — The Maine Way"*

*Compiled by Marjorie Standish*



### Go To God

By Grace E. Easley

When a friend is feeling sorrow  
That you wish you could share,  
And no words of any language  
Can remove the grief they bear,  
When the unexpected shadows  
Fall across the path they trod,  
There is no human remedy,  
. . . We have to go to God.

When a brave heart's torn asunder,  
And its courage seems so small,  
There is no solace found in pain  
That overtakes us all.

When hot tears keep on falling  
'Til they drench the very sod,  
To find someone to dry them,  
. . . We have to go to God.

There's a reason for each heartache,  
Though we cannot see it now,  
And we grow with every sorrow,  
That Heaven will allow.  
Though we always seek the sunlight,  
Earth is still "a vale of tears,"  
And only God can help us bear  
The burden of the years.  
We've simply got to trust Him,  
And we can't afford to doubt,  
Because He has created life,  
He knows what it's about.  
Because His dear feet also walked  
These narrow paths we trod,  
To heal our broken spirits,  
. . . We have to go to God.

### Sticky Buns & Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's "Bee-lievers" women's group, Anita Harshman is making sticky buns and pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon  
Sticky Buns: \$12
- Apple Pie: \$10
- Cherry or Peach: \$11
- Raspberry, Blueberry or  
Blackberry: \$13

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126.

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### Let Go

By Tom Kolb

Let go, let God take all your life  
Without a halfway measure,  
For His love is more to you  
Than all your earthly treasure.  
Let go, let God walk with you  
When the way gets rough,  
For He will give you added strength  
When yours is not enough.  
Let go, let God talk with you  
And carry all your load,  
For He's the only light we see  
Sometimes along the road.  
Let go, let God heal you now  
In body, mind and soul  
For only He and He alone  
Can really make you whole.



## Message from the Pastor

and

## Worship in September

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

### What the Rapture is all About

I will give a \$100 bill to the first person to show me where the word “rapture” appears in the Bible! Don’t hurt yourself. There is no verse because the actual word “rapture” does not appear in the Bible. (Fear not, though, because the word “trinity” does not appear in the Bible, either.)

I was meeting with a church member in my office this week (which I LOVE doing), and the conversation came around to the topic of the rapture of the church.

This individual admitted, “I don’t really understand the rapture.”

Since we are in the sermon series on Revelation, I figured I would use this newsletter article to elaborate on the prophetic event of the rapture, since the rapture is a crucial part of the end times.

While the word “rapture” does not appear in the Bible, it is based on the Latin word *rapiere* that means to “snatch away.” It is the event that will see Christians caught up to meet the Lord in the air to be with Him forever.

We read in I Corinthians 15:51-52, <sup>51</sup>But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! <sup>52</sup>It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

We also read in I Thessalonians 4:15-17, <sup>15</sup>We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.

<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves.



<sup>17</sup>Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

These two passages are the bedrock of the event known as the rapture.

In other words, when there is a shout from Heaven and the trumpet sounds, Jesus will come in the air.

Those who are believers that have preceded us in death will rise and be joined with their spirits (which were with Jesus the moment they passed).

They will have a new, glorified body for eternity.

Then, those of us on earth who are true believers will be instantly transformed into our glorified, eternal bodies. That is the nature of the rapture.

The question remaining is, “When will it happen?”

The answer is, we do not know. At least, we do not know FOR SURE. Some scholars believe the rapture is the next event to occur and that it can happen any minute.

Following the rapture will come the Tribulation period. Others believe it will take place mid-way through the Tribulation period. (These people are affectionately called “mid-trib” believers). Some teach that the rapture will take place at the end of the tribulation and, still, there are some who think that the rapture will not take place.

As we study the Book of Revelation, it is my desire that you will all have your beliefs confirmed!

In Christ, —Pastor Neil

## Worship for September

**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

**Revelation 3:14-22**

**The Church at Laodicea:**

**The Carnal Church**

Our sermon series on the seven churches of Revelation comes to a close with the church at Laodicea.

This is the only church with NOTHING positive written about it. This is the church that was neither hot nor cold. It was lukewarm and was worthy of being spewed out of Christ’s mouth.

This letter is the most scathing letter of the seven and we will see why God dealt so harshly with it. We will learn what God expects from us in our Christian life.

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**Revelation 6:1-17**

**The “Seals of Disapproval”**

There are three sets of seven judgments that will take place on earth during the seven-year period known as the Tribulation.

The seals are the first of those judgments, where each seal represents a particular event.

We will examine what the Bible says about those events and gain a better understanding of God’s Plan. It is imperative that we have an active response to guard against apathy.

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**Revelation 8:1-9:21**

**The Trumpet Judgments**

The seventh seal was thirty minutes of silence in Heaven. Then seven angels were seen, and each angel had a trumpet. Each trumpet was another judgment that will be more severe than the seven seal judgments. Six of the trumpets will be sounded at that time.

God will be getting more intense with His judgments because His purpose is to punish people for rejecting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Again, the temptation can be to become mere spectators and look at what will happen. The challenge is to have these verses impact how we live today.

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**Revelation 10:1-11:19**

**The Two Witnesses and the Last Trumpet**

God will be looking for people to believe in the Gospel of the Kingdom during the Tribulation Period.

Therefore, He will send two Witnesses to the earth to testify of God’s power. We will

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## Worship in September

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learn what they do and what happens to them. We will also observe what happens when the seventh trumpet is blown.

The tension will be mounting as God's judgment is about to be ramped up even higher.

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**Revelation 12:1-17**

**The Tribulation: Act I**

**'The Woman with the Dragon Tattoo'**

The Tribulation Period will involve several characters. In today's text, we will be introduced to the Woman and the Dragon.

We will see who these entities are and what their significance to the world is.

Keep in mind, these will be things that will be part of God's divine timetable, and God's divine plan.

These images will not always make sense, but they are important for us to understand so that we may serve God in a greater way now.

### *Heroes' Club After School Ministry*

## It's a Salem Mission Project

Salem's "new" Heroes' Club will begin Monday, September 23, 2024, and will continue to meet each Monday when school is in session.

### **A Team of Volunteers**

Pastor Neil has assembled a team of nearly 20 volunteers to work with this ministry during the fall semester. The volunteers met on August 13th to learn how the ministry will be conducted.

All volunteers are being subjected to background checks to assure a safe sanctuary for the children.

### **No Cost to the Children**

Unlike previous years, Heroes' Club students will not be charged any fees to attend. This ministry will be funded solely as a Salem Mission Project (No. 13). Of course, as with all other Salem mission projects, folks may make donations to missions at Salem Community Church in support of this ministry. Just indicate Heroes' Club on your donation.

Pastor Neil asks that we begin praying for God's blessing on this ministry and for reaching into the homes of the community.

## HEROES' CLUB IS RETURNING TO SALEM IN SEPTEMBER

For children  
Kindergarten through 5th Grade

The Salem Church Council recently designated the "new" Heroes' Club as Salem Mission Project No. 13.

Pastor Neil has been meeting with Principal Veroni at the Wolfsville Elementary School to continue and develop a partnership between Salem Community Church and Wolfsville School.

Salem continues to be the place where the school students will go if a school emergency evacuation is needed.

During the 2024 spring semester, Salem supported the school and its staff with a "Fill-the-Fridge Campaign." Salem kept the fridge in the teachers lounge stocked with soft drinks.

For the 2024 fall semester, Principal Veroni is excited about Salem's Heroes' Club After School Ministry.

Pastor Neil was invited to attend the Wolfsville School Open House and PTA activities to introduce Salem's Heroes' Club to students and parents.

### **What is Heroes' Club?**

Heroes' Club is a Biblically-centered club for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Meeting every Monday afternoon when Frederick County has school, from school dismissal to 5:30 p.m., we will look at trust, courage, forgiveness, obedience and love through the eyes of our Biblical heroes.

Students will move between snack time, play time, a Bible story and activity, and homework time.

Growing closer to one another and closer to God, students will gain greater self-confidence and grow in their faith, looking upon themselves as the Heroes they are!

### **How does my child get to Heroes' Club**

Leaders from Heroes' Club will meet students on Monday afternoons at dismissal of Wolfsville Elementary School. Students will be signed-in to Heroes' Club and walked to Salem Community Church.

All students will remain on church property until parents or other authorized persons pick them up.

If your child does not go to Wolfsville School, but would like to attend Heroes' Club, drop off at Salem begins at 3:45 p.m.



NEW SALEM MISSION PROJECT NO. 13

### **What happens if I need to get in touch with Heroes' Club while my child is there?**

To contact your child, or to speak to the staff while Heroes' Club is in session, please call the Salem Church phone at 301-293-1799.

### **Where do I pick up my child?**

Students need to be picked up and signed out from Salem Church by 5:30 p.m. on Monday afternoons in the church social room.

Adult supervision will be provided from 5:30-6:00 p.m. if a later pick-up time is required.

The adult picking up a student must be listed on the Heroes' Club Student Registration and will be asked to show a photo identification.

### **How do I sign up?**

To register your student for Heroes' Club, please complete a registration form and return it to:

Heroes' Club  
Salem Community Church  
12477 Wolfsville Road  
Myersville, MD 21773-9303

Registration forms are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. When the maximum number of children is reached, a waiting list will be established.

A **Student Registration Form** for school year 2024-25 may be obtained at Salem Church or can be printed from the Salem Community Church website.

[SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heroes-club](http://SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heroes-club)

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Neil Suders:

301-293-1616 (Office)  
717-753-2112 (Mobile)  
PastorNeil05@gmail.com

# A HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 13, 2024 — 10:30 a.m. at Salem

The Worship Committee has proposed a special day in October where we will welcome back people from Salem's strong history to join us in a worship celebration.

The Church Council approved "Homecoming Sunday" to be October 13th. We will begin the worship service at 10:30 a.m.

There will be no Sunday school, and after church we will have lunch at the pavilion. The church will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, and will provide the chicken. We will also be providing drinks. We are asking every family to bring a side dish to share.

Throughout the day, we will be having corn hole and other games available. We will also be offering inflatables for the children. Because the day will be casual, we are encouraging everyone to dress casually for the day.

### Invitation to Salem Members & Friends

God is doing some great work here at Salem Community Church. We are calling this Homecoming Sunday because our goal is to allow former members to "come home" and experience the worship service with us. The church will be sending



invitations to everyone on the mailing list.

Homecoming Sunday should be a spectacular celebration of God's goodness. You can help us make this day extra special the following ways: you can pray for God to bless that day, you can RSVP to your invitation, and you can show up with excitement and expectations for God to do a great work. We are trusting God to bless us with favorable weather, a robust attendance, and a great spirit. To God be the glory.

—Pastor Neil



August 18, 2024

### We LOVE children in church!

Pastor Neil has a special message for the children every Sunday from God's Word; and look for the colorful Activity Bags for children to pick up on their way into the 9:00 a.m. church service.

Photo by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



### Ice Cream Social "Corn Hole Tournament" Winners

July 28, 2024 — From left, Vernon Stottlemeyer & Jody Eccard won first place, and Misty Suders & Denny Leatherman won second place.



August 18, 2024

### Three Generations in Song

A blessed morning of worship in the Lord's house! There was a powerful message through music presented by three generations (from left) Janet Goetzke, Cheyenne Leatherman, Jessie Leatherman and Shelby Leatherman. Their song titled "Bring This Nation Back to God" calls for bringing the United States back to God. The song lyrics state that while the country has fought for freedom and values, it has lost sight of God's word. It suggests Americans have compromised morality and cheapened life. The chorus expresses that America needs the Lord, His people need His Word, and families are worth fighting for. It calls for humbling oneself and praying so God will heal the land and bless His people again.

### A FEW NOTES . . .

- The "Bee-lievers" Women's Group is making craft items to donate to the Wolfsville Elementary School for their Christmas store where students buy gifts for family and friends.
- As an outreach project, Salem will be providing two baskets valued at \$300 each for the Middletown Valley People Helping People, 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday, November 16, 2024.
- Our worship attendance has increased significantly. The number in attendance on Sunday in the sanctuary and online is posted on page 2.



**SALEM IRON MEN  
GATHERINGS & EVENTS**

- Thursday, September 12th @ 7 pm -  
**Monthly Men's Fireside Gathering**  
in the church pavilion
- Saturday, September 21st @ 8 am -  
**Monthly Men's Breakfast Gathering**  
in the church pavilion

**COMING UP**

- Saturday, October 12th , 8 am to Noon -  
**Mini "Dangerous For Good" Men's Summit** in the church pavilion  
weather permitting

**WOMEN ONLY**

- Thursday-Sunday, October 10th-13th  
**Zoweh The Deepening Weekend @**  
Rockbridge Alum Springs, Goshen,  
VA. Visit the Zoweh website for  
details and to register:  
[zoweh.org/the-deepening-weekend](http://zoweh.org/the-deepening-weekend)



**Men's  
Summit**

**Sat, Oct. 12th / 8am-12pm**  
*Hosted by The Salem Iron Men & Elder-Sage Posse in the Salem Community Church Pavilion.*

**MEN: Discover Who You Are, Where You Are, and The Good That God is Up to in Your Life.**

A Dangerous For Good Men's Summit brings the men in our community into deeper friendships and more intimate community through a shared journey.



**For more info or to register contact  
Bill Weaver @ 301-730-7247**

**LADIES**  
THERE IS MORE LIFE



**DISCOVER  
belovedness!**



Rockbridge Alum Springs | Goshen, VA  
October 10-13, 2024

During the weekend, you'll have opportunities to explore more of your story and the incredible journey of your heart - in both time alone with God and in community with other women.

**For more information contact Joyce Weaver at  
[ajweaver@myactv.net](mailto:ajweaver@myactv.net)**

**To register visit the Zoweh website at  
[zoweh.org/the-deepening-weekend](http://zoweh.org/the-deepening-weekend)**

**Ladies Bible Study to resume in September**

The Ladies Bible Study will begin for the Fall on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The study is "Luke" Gut-Level Compassion, by Lisa Harper.

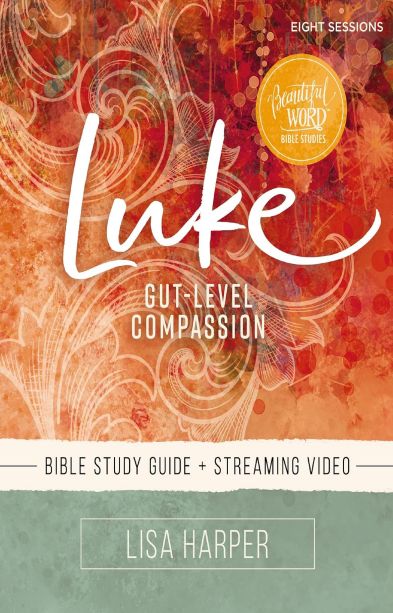
Many of us believe that we aren't good enough to meet other people's expectations.

The great news woven throughout the Gospel according to Luke is that perfection is not a prerequisite for a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

In fact, this riveting account reveals that Jesus is especially fond of ragamuffins in need of a safe place to lean in and linger.

Come and join us in this Bible Study of a literary masterpiece that doesn't celebrate the elite, but embraces the outliers, outcasts and the overlooked.

Looking forward to the return of our Bible Study Ladies and welcoming new ones. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Irons 301-271-7012.



EIGHT SESSIONS  
Beautiful WORD BIBLE STUDIES  
**Luke**  
GUT-LEVEL COMPASSION  
BIBLE STUDY GUIDE + STREAMING VIDEO  
LISA HARPER



Mark Your Calendar  
**Spaghetti Dinner set for  
October 4, 2024**

The Salem "Bee-lievers" women's group will conduct a spaghetti dinner on Friday evening, October 4, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church social room.

Please come and join us for great food, and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

There will be no set price for the dinner, just your donation.

For more information contact Wanda Barkdoll, [jansack@earthlink.net](mailto:jansack@earthlink.net) or at 301-575-4293.

**THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL "YOUTH CLASS"**

The middle and high school "Youth Class" meets each Sunday in the upstairs social room from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

In September, our Bible-focused lessons will look at the Old Testament prophets of Habakkuk and Malachi in a unit called "Trusting God in Bad Times and Good."

We will then begin a unit called "Commitment" where students will see that God is worthy of their trust and commitment.

Salem Community Church believes that the inspired Word of God has the power to change lives. Helping our middle and high school students understand and apply the Bible to their lives is the goal of our Youth Class. Come grow with us!

We are excited to meet new students and always strive to make each guest feel loved and welcomed into our church family. —Michael Burrier





## Salem Mission News & Notes

*Salem Mission Project No. 1*

### Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired Senegal Missionaries

Dear Salem Community Church,

Thank you again for the vital part you have in our lives through your prayers, your gifts, and your friendship over so many years. We appreciate you all very much.

We have the normal aches and pains that come with getting older, but as far as we know, we don't have any major health issues. We thank God for the level of health we have.

There is not much change in the things we are involved in. Nancy continues to visit a number of widows either in their homes or in nursing homes. Most of those ladies don't have many visitors, so it is an encouragement to them when Nancy visits them.

Frank continues to serve on the board of our home church; he is the bookkeeper/treasurer; he occasionally teaches Sunday School or Wednesday evening Bible study; he prepares a weekly bulletin insert of prayer requests and announcements, and he helps at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission one day each week.

As far as our family goes, our daughter, Wanda, helps at their home church and works part time at a candy store. Lynn is part of the leadership of their home church, and he preaches at various churches in the area, besides working full-time at Fed-Ex.

Our son and daughter-in-law, Eric & Wendy, are in the U.S. from Senegal for a few months. They have some medical issues to have checked out. Eric is speaking in churches, and he is working on lessons in the Badyaranke language for when they return to Senegal.

Our daughter, Rebecca, is a literacy consultant for missionaries in several African countries, so she spends a lot of time on a computer helping them & goes to help on some stations, as well as developing and overseeing the literacy program for the Badyaranke people.

Our son & daughter-in-law, Gary & Lisa, serve at a missionary retirement center in Florida. Gary is part of the grounds crew and works on other projects, and Lisa helps with the cooking for the residents.

One of our granddaughters, Tara & husband Asheton Root, with their 3 little girls, are in missionary training.

We thank God that we now have 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren! Family is such a blessing!

Thank you so much for all you do for us and for our family.

Joyfully in Christ,

Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer



Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

## NEWS & NOTES

### Special Music at Worship 🎵

We're so grateful to those who have and who will offer their musical gifts to enrich our worship services this summer while the Adult Choir is on break.

### Salem Community Choir Notes 🎵

Summer has flown by and it is time to think about starting choir practice for the Fall-Winter season.

We will be starting a little earlier this fall on the last Tuesday of September which is September 24, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We are planning for the choir to sing at the Homecoming Service on October 13, so we want to have time to prepare. Marlene has chosen some lovely selections for morning worship as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We welcome back all of our singers and any folks who would like to join us. Choir is really more than just singing. It is fun, fellowship, praying for one another and much more. It is an offering of praise and worship to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

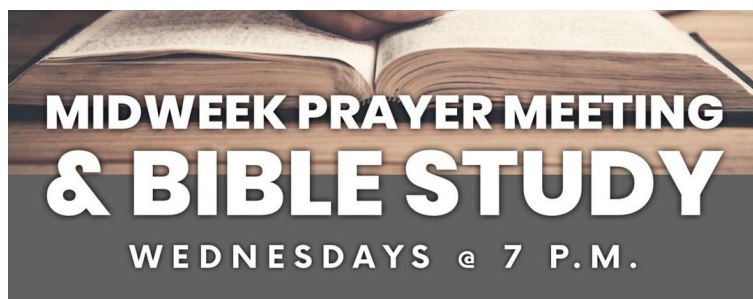
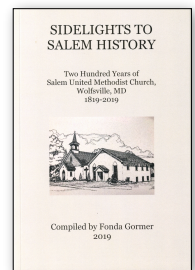
So come and join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord! "Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs." Psalm 100 (NIV) —Sandy Lewis

### Salem History Book

The book titled "Sidelights to Salem History" is now available at Salem in its 2nd printing.

The book details some lesser known facets of Salem's past and the people involved, along with additional pictures.

The book costs \$10 and is available from Vernon Stottlemeyer, 301-293-1470. Copies will also be on sale at Salem's upcoming Lord's Acre Festival on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Funds from the sale of the books will benefit Salem's Lord's Acre Project.



Join us Wednesday evenings at Salem Community Church as Pastor Neil leads a study of the book of Romans and we pray for our church family and community.

### Some Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar

- Sep 8 - Believer's Baptism Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Sep 14 - Lord's Acre Festival, 2:00 p.m.
- Sep 15 - New Members Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
- Sep 15 - Salem Community Church 1-Year Anniversary
- Sep 23 - Heroes' Club begins
- Oct 4 - Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 12 - Men's Summit, 8:00 a.m. - Noon
- Oct 10-13 - Women's Deepening Weekend, Goshen, VA
- Oct 13 - Homecoming Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 25 - Wolfsville Community "Trunk or Treat"
- Nov 10 - Salem Congregational Meeting, 10:15 a.m.

**How to Give  
Tithes & Offerings**

**1. Offering Box in Sanctuary**

For those at sanctuary worship, an offering box is available at the rear of the sanctuary.

**2. By Mail**

You may mail your tithes and offerings to:

**Salem Community Church**

Church Treasurer

P. O. Box 144

Myersville, MD 21773-0144

Make checks payable to: **Salem Community Church**

**3. Electronically Online**

You may give electronically by viewing our website [SalemChurchWolfsville.org](http://SalemChurchWolfsville.org) and select GIVE.

**Heavenly Humor**

**Dust**

On the way home from church a little boy asked his mother, "Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust?"

"Yes, darling."

"And do we go back to dust again when we die?"

"Yes, dear. Why do you ask?"

"Well, Mommy, when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going."



*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

People will forget what you said and did, but they will never forget how you made them feel.

There's no limit to the good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.

Feed your faith. . . and your worries will starve to death.

God can mend your broken heart, but you must give Him all the pieces.



**The Mountain Shepherd**

Salem Community Church, Wolfsville

P. O. Box 144

Myersville, MD 21773-0144

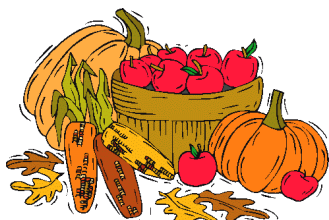
[www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org](http://www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org)

Address Services Requested

**SERVICE TIMES**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship**

**10:15 a.m. Sunday School**



*We'll see you at . . .*

**The Lord's Acre Festival**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

*We begin at 2:00 p.m.*

**September 2024**

**COME GROW WITH US**

Place  
Stamp  
Here

