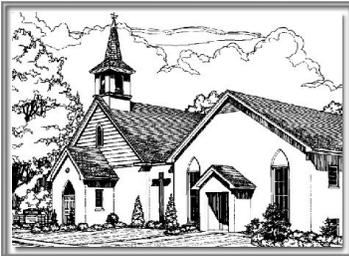


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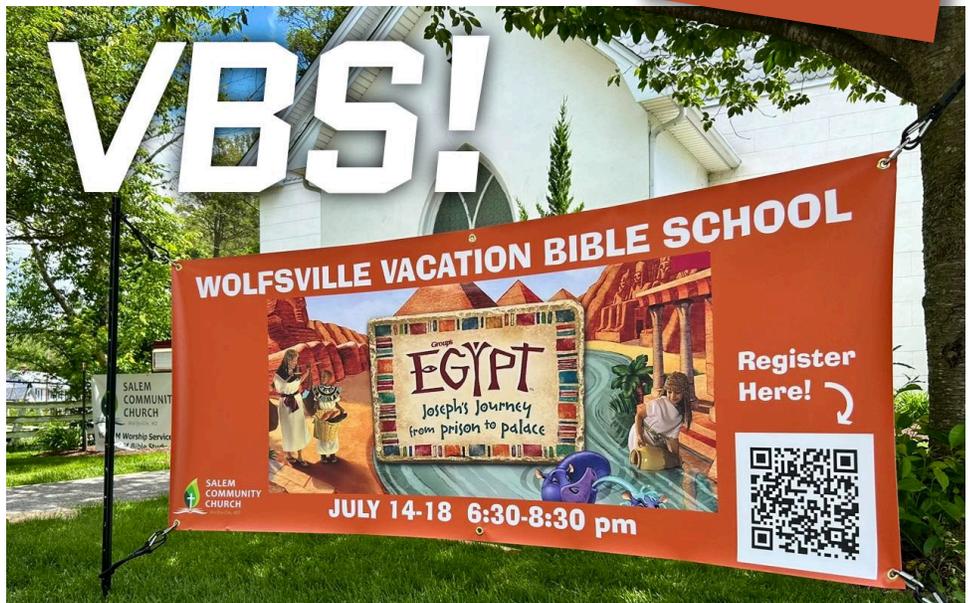
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Salem Hosts Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School


MONDAY – FRIDAY
JULY 14–18
6:30–8:30 PM



Going to Egypt without a Passport

AGES 3 through 8TH GRADE

NEED A RIDE TO VBS?

Call the church office at 301-293-1616 to arrange for transportation in the Royal Chariot (church van!)

By Hannah Rouzee

Pack your bags because we are headed to Egypt . . . July 14th through the 18th. Don't worry about a passport — we have you covered!

Salem Community Church is excited to host the Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School this year. We will be learning how to walk with God as we travel through Egypt with Joseph.

Children ages 3 (must be potty trained) through 8th grade are welcome to join us on this journey July 14th through the 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will also host a special performance on Sunday, July 20th during church at 9 a.m. to give the children time to share their journey.

Please register at <https://vbspro.events/p/293486>. Follow us on Facebook. Contact Hannah Rouzee at HEccard@comcast.net



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Building Connections.
Growing God's Family.

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

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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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May 2025 — Average Worship Attendance

91	Sanctuary
28	Zoom Online
119	TOTAL

Go  **2025 MISSION PROJECTS**
"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-May 2025

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$1,025.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	\$0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons)	\$3,371.91
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber)	\$250.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem)	\$3,473.78
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada)	\$1,125.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus)	\$575.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	\$125.00
9. Open for 2025	0
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	\$1,300.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	\$1,300.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	\$215.00
13. Heroes' Club	\$0
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	\$175.00
TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025	\$12,935.69

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. 6
Travis & Mary D. (AIM Canada)

Dear Salem Church Family:

We praise God for you, our friends and partners in ministry. And we thank God for your prayers, because we know that it's only by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit that we can continue in this work.

We are also trying to raise more financial support. We've needed to take a pay cut for the moment until support gets to where it needs to be (AIM Canada so graciously provided months of a full salary without having the donations coming in to cover it). With health challenges (Mary with long COVID and Travis with chronic pain that comes and goes) we haven't been able to give the necessary energy and attention to support raising, but we thank God for the support that has started to come in already. Please pray with us for the full amount of support to come in on a regular basis so that we can receive a salary that provides for our needs. God is our provider, and since we believe that He is calling us to this work, we believe that He will provide for our every need.

The first exciting news is that 6 friends from the Centre came to Christ over Easter weekend! We started a small group at our home, where we meet to study through the Gospel of John; and we invited people from church and from the New Canadian Hub where we serve. We've had a mixture of backgrounds, languages and most are non-Christians. Having primarily people who don't speak English as their first language gives us an opportunity to go very slowly.

Please continue to pray for us and for our friends here in Calgary, that God would accomplish His good work – that Jesus would be exalted in our lives and conversations, and in the lives of the people we meet. Only Jesus can bring the healing, peace, hope and joy that everyone longs for.

[So far in 2025, Salem has provided \$1,125 to Travis & Mary for their ministry in Calgary.]



Travis, Mary & Mélodie

Who's Doing What, When?

July 2025

Lay Reader

- 6 Gary Barkdoll
- 13 Denny Leatherman
- 20 Wanda Barkdoll
- 27 Michael Burrier

Acolyte

- 6 Lawson Rouzee
- 13 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 20 Brynleigh Irons
- 27 Shelby Leatherman

Organist/Pianist

- 6 Sara Weitzel
- 13 Sara Weitzel
- 20 Sara Weitzel
- 27 Sara Weitzel

Computer

- 6 Wanda Barkdoll
- 13 Robin Haupt
- 20 Michael Burrier
- 27 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Camera

- 6 Brandon Leatherman
- 13 Michael Burrier
- 20 Robin Haupt
- 27 Cathie Elsbach

Greeters

- 6 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 13 David & Sherry Scoggins
- 20 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 27 Kathy Hill

Salem's ministry is a vital part of the Wolfsville community as it reaches out in many ways.



June 1, 2025, Heroes' Club Sunday — At Salem, during Sunday worship, Heroes' Club students were recognized for successfully completing the program for the school year 2024-25. Many students were unable to attend worship but received their certificates at the final Heroes' Club meeting the next day, Monday, June 2, when Salem provided a picnic dinner for the students, their families, and the Heroes' Club helpers. It is interesting to note that one of this year's Heroes' Club student helpers had attended Heroes' Club years ago as an elementary school student and came back this year as a helper. Heroes' Club will resume again at Salem in September on Mondays when school is in session.

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Salem members Justinn & Holly Irons, Leaders of the Wolfsville Food Pantry located at Salem Community Church are doing an outstanding job serving the needs of local families in this community and surrounding areas.

Justinn & Holly report, "In April, we served 43 families; in May, 56 families; and as of mid-June, we have had 23 families so far." This is a vital ministry to those who just need a little help. Justinn & Holly and their volunteer helpers learn to know the families and minister to them in this special way.

It's Your Day!

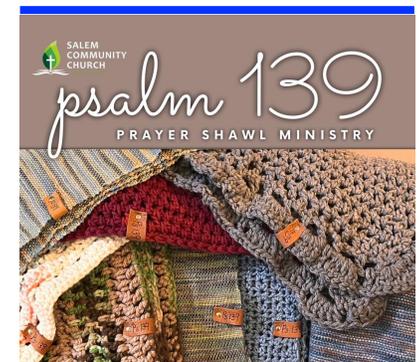


July Anniversaries

- 4 - Michael & Mandy Mellott
- 10 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
- 14 - David & Wanda Kline
- 20 - Randy & Karen Sowers
- 29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll
- 30 - Rebecca & Brandon Potter

July Birthdays

- 2 - Phyllis Beall
- 4 - Marlene Young
- 5 - Brett Haupt
- 8 - Linda Grossnickle
- 10 - Randy Sowers
- 11 - Alyssa Fogle
- 13 - Patty Blickenstaff
- 14 - Tyler Zimmerman
- 15 - Pastor Neil Suders
- 18 - Amanda Hawkins
- 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Pat Eccard
- 26 - Audrey Kline
- 27 - Cyndy Weddle
- 28 - Kim Tolland
- 28 - Jennifer Burrier
- 28 - Austin Hebeisen
- 29 - Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 29 - Katy Hornbecker



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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

Fourth of July

By Earle J. Grant

Our country is so festive
When the Fourth of July comes,
With the blair of bugles
And the role of drums...



In its mountain setting
Of verdant green,
Our village, too, is a part
Of the joyous scene.

Activities our planned
For each and everyone
And all are invited
To join in the fun.

Fireworks are displayed
That blossom in the night
In hues of red, white and blue
That are a thrilling sight.

Praises are due our God
That He has blessed our nation
And that we are alive
To join the celebration!

Heritage

By Ruby Lee Mitchell

America is our heritage,
immeasurable by any gauge
except by our hearts. We love it well;
this dear land casts an enchanted spell.



Let us remember with gratitude
the valiant souls with magnitude
who crossed each mountain, plain, rushing stream.
Nothing deterred them — each had a dream.

They strove with valor this land to gain,
fulfilling a pledge that freedom should reign.
They tamed a wilderness each step they took;
nothing their unquestioned courage shook.

Now we enjoy their rich fruitful gains
with none of their hardships or their pains.
Let us treasure and love our grand heritage
emblazoned in glory on history's page.

Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all
the inhabitants thereof. —Leviticus 25:10

Inscription on the Liberty Bell



RECIPE



Poke Hole Coconut Cake

INGREDIENTS:

1 pkg. (2 layer) yellow cake mix 1 container (8 oz.) Cool Whip
1 cup milk Topping (Thawed)
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups Baker's Flake Coconut

1. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, baking in a 13 x 9 inch pan.
2. Cool 15 minutes. Then poke holes down through the cake with end of wooden spoon.
3. Meanwhile, combine milk and sugar in sauce pan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer one minute. Carefully spoon over warm cake, allowing liquid to soak down through holes. Cool completely. Fold 1/2 cup of the coconut into whipped topping and spread over cake. Sprinkle with remaining coconut.
4. Chill overnight. Store remaining cake in refrigerator.

Submitted by Pat Eccard



A Sure Way to a Happy Day

By Helen Steiner Rice

Happiness is something
we create in our mind,
It's not something you search for
and so seldom find—
It's just waking up
and beginning the day
By counting our blessings
and kneeling to pray—
It's giving up thoughts
that breed discontent
And accepting what comes
as a "gift heaven-sent"—
It's giving up wishing
for things we have not
And making the best of
whatever we've got—
It's knowing that life
is determined for us,
And pursuing our tasks
without fret, fume or fuss—
For it's by completing
what God gives us to do
That we find real contentment
and happiness, too.

"The God who gave us life, gave us liberty
at the same time." —Thomas Jefferson

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.

August 2020

"The second day of July, 1776, will
be the most memorable epoch in
the history of America. I am apt to
believe that it will be celebrated by
succeeding generations as the great
anniversary festival... from one
end of this continent to the other,
from this time forward for
evermore." —John Adams

The above quote is from a letter from
John Adams' to his wife, Abigail, on July
3, 1776, where he predicted the second
day of July would be the most memorable
date in American history. Adams
believed the "vote" for independence on
July 2nd was the key event.



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in July

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

Queen Esther

Here's a trivia question for you:

What is the only book in the Bible that does not contain God's name?

If you guessed the Book of Esther, you would be right. While the Book of Esther does not mention God, there are several principles for us to glean.

Here is a brief snapshot of Esther, and some highlighted principles for our edification.

Surprisingly, the background of the Book of Esther begins in 1 Samuel.

In the fifteenth chapter, God had commanded Saul to wipe out all the Amalekites to punish them. But Saul disobeyed God by sparing the best sheep and even King Agag.

Samuel sought justice and killed Agag, but the wife of Agag escaped, and she was pregnant!

Saul's disobedience would bring severe consequences much later.

In the Book of Esther, one of the antagonists is Haman the Agagite, a direct descendent of King Agag!

1 The first principle is... "with God, partial obedience is the same as disobedience."

Esther was a young Jewish girl who was named Hadassah at birth.

Following the death of her parents, she went to live with her older cousin, Mordecai.

Mordecai believed it would be in her best interest to give her a Persian name, since they were in Persia.

Time passed and Xerxes, the king of Persia held a beauty pageant to find a new queen.

Esther was one of the young virgins chosen to compete. The king found Esther more beautiful than all the others, and she was chosen to be his queen. The



orphan girl became the queen of the largest empire in the known world.

2 The principle here is... "no matter what your background, God can use you."

Seething over the fact that the Jews murdered his people, Haman hatched a plan to exterminate the Jewish people who were still in Persia.

His plan was overheard by Mordecai who convinced Esther to go before the king to stop the plan.

Going before the king without an invitation could cost Esther her life.

But Mordecai challenged her by asking, "Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14)

3 Here's another principle... "God places us where He can use us for His glory."

Esther asked all the Jewish people to fast and pray, and she got her appointment with the king.

Haman's plot was foiled, and Haman was hanged with the gallows he had erected for Mordecai.

Esther had saved her people.

Haman had a wicked plan and was deceitful in his conduct, so it was fitting that God's justice used Haman's plans against him.

4 Here is the final principle... "Be sure your sins will find you out."

Worship for July 2025

Sunday, July 6

1 John 5:1-12

"The Three Witnesses"

John said there are three witnesses that testify to our relationship with God, the Father.

Those three witnesses are "the Holy Spirit, the water, and the blood."

What are those witnesses and how do they apply to us? This sermon will investigate these questions and provide answers.

Sunday, July 13

1 John 5:13-21

"How to Know That You Know..."

Perhaps one of the greatest struggles in the Christian life is the assurance of one's salvation.

We think that we know, but there are always doubts that creep in.

John finished the first epistle by helping believers lay aside any doubts about where they will go when they die.

It is reassuring to "know that you know" about your eternal destiny. This message will make it quite clear.

Sunday, July 20

2 John 1:1-13

"Deceivers Among Us"

John's second epistle is like some of his messages in the first epistle.

He challenged the believers in his day, and he challenges us today, to make sure we are loving each other.

He also warns of false teachers (both past and present) by referring to them as antichrists.

His emphasis was on their response to the teaching. The same application will be our goal today.

Sunday, July 27

3 John 1:1-14

"Walking in the Truth"

Who was Gaius? What about the identities of Diotrephes and Demetrius? They all played roles in John's third epistle.

John addressed truth and faithfulness. Both are core values that today's believers would do well to embrace. The only benefit of truth is when Christ's followers walk in it and abide by it.

Third John is a brief, but practical epistle to help us follow Christ by walking in the truth.

June 22, 2025

BELIEVER'S BAPTISMS



Immersion baptisms were held Sunday, June 22, 2025, at the home of Klaus & Tonia Mueller, Black Rock Road. Pictured above are Amoura (wearing her Salem Community Church shirt) and Carlo, both of whom professed their faith in Christ and celebrated Believer's Baptism while members of the Salem congregation were present to support the decision of these outstanding young people.

Jessie Leatherman, Leader of Salem's Wildfire Student Ministry said, "We are so proud of Amoura and Carlo for making a public statement of their faith and asking to be baptized this past Sunday! We are so encouraged that there are more young people choosing to live out their faith, and we give them our full support and congratulations!"

Pastor Neil has scheduled more immersion baptisms for August and October. If you wish to be baptized by immersion, contact Pastor Neil.

Got Questions? ? ? ?

By Pastor Neil

On Sunday, August 3, we will be having our annual "Q & A" service. I will be answering any questions you may have about any topic concerning the Christian life.

You might have questions about the Bible, Prophecy, Church ordinances, or death. You may also be wondering about music, culture, or any trending topic. All you need to do is write your question down on paper or send a text or email with your question to me. I will include them in the PowerPoint slides and answer them on that day.

Questions should be in no later than July 27th. I will be addressing the questions in the order I receive them, so please don't delay. If time runs out on August 3, the last questions might not be addressed.

I am looking forward to reading your questions. Names will not be included in the PowerPoint slides.

Holy Land Tour in 2026

We are still measuring interest in taking a seven-day trip to the Holy Land in 2026. The trip will only be happening if there is military peace at the time of the trip. We will be targeting a trip in late October or early November, so I will need to have a firm count by October 1, 2025. We want to see a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 who want to go. This will enable us to have our own group for small activities, such as Bible studies and devotional times at specific locations. Can you imagine having a small group Bible study in the Garden of Gethsemane?! If you contacted me last year about this, please let me know again if you are interested. —Pastor Neil

June 22, 2025

HONORING OUR GRADUATES



Congratulations to our Graduates! L-R: Denny Leatherman (Lay Leader), Loralli (high school), Maggie (college), Pastor Neil. Not pictured: Ivy (high school).

Ivy Hill

- Granddaughter of Susie Stottlemeyer
- Graduated from Sherwood High School, Olney, MD
- Plans to attend Towson University in the fall to study Art Education

Loralli Snyder

- Daughter of Bob & Donna Snyder
- Graduated from Middletown High School
- Plans to attend University of Maryland majoring in biochemistry with a pre-med track.
- Plans to be a Forensic Pathologist

Maggie Mueller

- Daughter of Klaus & Tonia Mueller
- Graduated from Messiah College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science



Be an "Ignite Youth" every Sunday – Grades 4+

In July, the IGNITE Youth Sunday School class (grades 4+) will be learning how "Families Help" to honor God. God planned for everyone to live in a family. No family is like another, but God loves every person and wants all family members to work together to honor Him and grow stronger in their faith.



Our youth will hear about different families and how they helped one another with love. Stories about Joseph, Hannah, and Elisha will teach our youth about working together, forgiveness, praying and worshipping together, and how families can help others and show honor to God.

The IGNITE Youth Class meets at the top of the stairs in the social room each Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 A.M., right after Sunday worship. Mike Burrier and Jessie Leatherman are the class teachers. Come be a part of this weekly activity of Salem's Wildfire Student Ministry.

Bald Eagle on Harp Hill Road

In mid-May of this year, local photographer Robert Buckheit posted this photo on Facebook with the caption, "Along Harp Hill Road near Woodland Way Road. I finally was able to capture some images of the American Bald Eagle. Thanks to my expert spotter Lynn Harshman who called me and told me where the eagle was trying to grab a carcass off the roadway. I was able to capture 4-5 images before the eagle flew off towards Woodland Way Road."



Photo by Robert Buckheit Photography

How the American Bald Eagle became a National Symbol

The bald eagle's role as a national symbol is linked to its 1782 landing on the Great Seal of the United States. Shortly after the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress gave Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams the job of designing an official seal for the new nation. However, the three Founding Fathers failed to come up with a design that won Congress' approval, as did two later committees that were given the task.

In mid-June 1782, the work of all three committees was handed over to Charles Thomson, the secretary of Congress. Thomson chose what he thought were the best elements of the various designs and made the eagle— which had been introduced by artistically inclined Pennsylvania lawyer William Barton in a design submitted by the third committee— more prominent. (Since ancient times, the eagle has been considered a sign of strength; Roman legions used the animal as their standard, or symbol.)

Bald Eagle Replaces White Eagle in Original Design

Thomson also recommended that the small, white eagle used in Barton's design be replaced with an American bald eagle, and Congress adopted this design on June 20, 1782. (Contrary to legend, there's no evidence Ben Franklin protested to Congress about the choice of the bald eagle and lobbied for the turkey. Although, in a 1784 letter to his daughter he did label the bald eagle "a bird of bad moral character.") As the design went on to appear on official documents, currency, flags, public buildings and other government-related items, the bald eagle became an American icon.



Summertime Special Music in Worship

During the summer the Salem congregation is enjoying special music during Sunday worship. Marlene Young has prepared a schedule of those who wish to share their talents with solos, duets, small groups or instrumental offerings. Contact Marlene at 301-491-5275 or marleneyoung99@aol.com.

New Members Sunday: June 29

As this issue of "The Mountain Shepherd" is going to press, we are excited to report that as of this writing, 8 new members will be received into the Salem Church family on June 29; that brings the total to 37 new members since disaffiliation less than 2 years ago. Details in next month's edition.

NEWS & NOTES

Welcome to First Time Visitors

We have many new folks attending worship. If you are new to our church, please complete a "Connection Card" so we can get acquainted.

First time visitors are asked not to feel obligated to give any money to the church; we pray that you will receive a blessing as our special guest.

Children's Activity Bags

Children's Activity Bags are available outside the sanctuary each Sunday. Each bag contains activities around the scripture reading for the day and other activities to engage your little ones during the service.

Lord's Acre Festival set for September 13

Salem's 65th annual Lord's Acre Festival will be held September 13, 2025, at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park at 12708 Brandenburg Hollow Road.



The Christian music entertainment has been engaged for this year's Lord's Acre Festival. The singing group is called "His Word Ministry" and consists of three couples.

The Little Things in Life

By Jolene Daniels

Too often we don't realize
What we have until it's gone.
Two often we wait too late to say
"I'm sorry, I was wrong."

Sometimes it seems we hurt the ones
We hold, dearest in our hearts
And we allow the silly things
To tear our lives apart.

Far too many times we let
Unimportant things get in our mind
And by then, it's usually too late
To see what made us blind.

So, be sure that you let people know
How much they mean to you
Take the time to say the words
Before your time is through.

Be sure that you appreciate
Everything that you've got
And be thankful for the little things
In life that mean a lot.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

WILDFIRE STUDENT MINISTRY

Source: "Faith on Fire" student ministry newsletter



Meet the Kids

The name "Wildfire" represents all of the students we serve. Although many of our events currently engage the majority of our student body, we are focused on developing three distinct age groups.

- Our youngest students age Pre-K through 2nd grade are included in all events planned by our Family Ministry.
- The next age group called "Sparks" includes students in grades 3 through 5.
- The next older age group is called "Ignite" and includes students in grades 6 through 8.
- Our high school ministry is gaining momentum as we work to bring in new members.

Having Fun Every Thursday Night at Salem



Hello!

I'm glad you are reading about our WildFire Student Ministry at Salem Community Church!

Maybe you are already a member of Wildfire, maybe you live close by, or perhaps you caught wind of us on social media...either way I'm thrilled you found us!

My name is Jessie Leatherman and I am part of a dynamic team that directs our WildFire Student Ministry here at Salem.

We are a church that is smaller in size, but big on building connections. As parents, what is important to you is also important to us! We are leaders in this ministry but we are parents first.

This ministry was born out of a fruitless search for a place for our kids to belong. A group that would be a positive influence for them... that would help them navigate the challenges of being a teen. A place to find acceptance that doesn't require them to set their faith aside.

First, a short quiz... have you heard your teen say any one of these things?

- "I don't have any friends at school."
- "Everyone is so rude."
- "I can't be myself there."
- "Nobody really knows me."
- "They don't get it. They don't believe what I believe. No one does. If they do, they don't act like it."

Yes? Us too. These are real complaints from real kids. This fuels our WHY.... why is this ministry so important to us? Why should it matter to you? Because as a parent, I want my answer to be better than:

- "I'm sorry they act that way - kids can be so mean sometimes!"
- "We just need to get you connected to a good group of kids...."
- "Don't pay any attention to them....they are just being teenagers."

Not exactly solving any problems, am I? Where are we going to find a group of kids in this age group who won't make our kids feel like they have to live on the fringes of the group for what they believe?

Maybe, just maybe, you want the same for your kids and they aren't finding it in the middle school cliques or on the baseball field?

Those things can be good - but they don't meet that deep need that young people have... a need to be heard, understood, and valued.

All of this organized chaos is happening for a reason — to support students in their faith journey, beginning with where they are.

We are so proud of Amoura and Carlo for making a public statement of their faith and asking to be baptized. We are so encouraged that there are more young people choosing to live out their faith, and we give them our full support and congratulations.

Summertime Series

WILDFIRE STUDENT MINISTRY



**Summertime
Fireside Series**

Thursday nights just got way more exciting! We have the fun and the food....the only thing missing is YOU! Families, friends, siblings...come get to know us and have a good time!

Event Highlights:

- ✓ Campfire & Snacks
- ✓ 9 Square & other group games
- ✓ Marshmallow Roasting

Thursdays from, June 12- Aug 7
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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Myersville, MD 21773

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Pastor Neil & his wife Misty

From our Pastor...

As the Pastor of Salem Community Church, I would like to welcome you to our Wildfire Student Ministry. Having served in youth ministry for 19 years, I have a passion and a love for students and student ministry. While the ministry will be in the hands of our energetic leaders, I will be involved in many activities as well. We are excited to partner with you in the spiritual growth and development of our children. Whether you are visiting us for the first time, or already part of our church family, you are invited to join us at any time for the activities! I am available to you if you have any questions or needs. We hope to see you soon!

In Christ,
Pastor Neil Suders
Pastorneil05@gmail.com
717-753-2112



**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 and select GIVE.

Heavenly Humor

The Creation of Adam & Eve

A little girl reported at home what she had learned at Sunday School concerning the creation of Adam and Eve:

“The teacher told us how God made the first man and the first woman. He made man first. But the man was very lonely with nobody to talk to him. So God put the man to sleep. And while the man was asleep, God took out his brains and made a woman out of them.”



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths.

Don't talk so fast that you say things you haven't thought of yet.

It's a funny thing about life. If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you often get it.

True Eloquence consists in saying all that should be said, and that only.



The Mountain Shepherd

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

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