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Wolfsville

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FOOD
PANTRY**

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Spartanburg, SC zip code



**WINTER
FOOD SALE
SOUP/SANDWICHES**

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'Tis the season to . . .

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus and Give Back to the Community



November 23, 2025 — Giving back to the community through Salem's Wolfsville Food Pantry. In the photo above, Salem members packed 31 bags for our Thanksgiving baskets on November 23, 2025. We greatly appreciate all of the donations of turkeys and other supplies for the baskets and the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry at Salem Community Church is open on Tuesday evenings 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

[Salem's Food Pantry Leaders, Justinn & Holly Irons]

FOOD PANTRY BECOMES MORE BUSY

In the month of October, we served 24 families (a total of 67 people).

As of November 23, we have served 21 families (for a total of 73 people) so far in the month of November.



November 16, 2025 — Pastor Neil prays over the 72 shoeboxes that were packed with love and gifts and are on their way to needy children around the world! Salem is thrilled to again partner with Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child.

We pray that young hearts will be receptive to hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and feel God's love when the shoeboxes are received.

[Salem's coordinator is Barbie Stottlemeyer.]



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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.

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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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Oct 2025 — Average Worship Attendance

90	Sanctuary
40	Zoom Online
130	TOTAL

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

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Oct 2025

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$2,050.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	\$0
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons)	\$12,050.51
4. Christ Cream Ministry (Tim Leber)	\$750.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem)	\$7,338.64
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada)	\$2,250.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus) ..	\$1,075.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	\$250.00
9. Kelsey McHugh (WIM - Honduras) NEW	\$1,000.00
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	\$2,300.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	\$2,550.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	\$430.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry)	\$204.88
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	\$350.00
TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2025	\$32,599.03

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 — Tim Leber

**CHRIST CREAM VAN
2025 WRAP-UP
(3RD YEAR OF MINISTRY)**

Now pausing until mid-April 2026.

Offering FREE individually wrapped ice creams and prayers at any of your events. Can't wait for the 2026 "ice cream season." We'll get started again in mid-April. Just send me an email to schedule.

Thanking God for Salem's partnership in this ministry.

- 422 events in 3 years.
- 37,300 ice creams given out with prayer in the last 3 years.
- An average of 88 ice creams given out per event.

Thanks to all of you for being shining lights for Jesus! May His love continue to fill your hearts as you serve Him! With appreciation and much love.

Tim Leber (timpleber10@gmail.com)



Cody loves the ice cream from the Christ Cream Van.

Philippians 1:3 — "I thank my God every time I remember you."
Romans 8:14 — "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."
Psalm 9:1 — "I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

[Salem provides a minimum of \$50 monthly for this ministry.]

Who's Doing What, When? December 2025

Lay Reader

- 7 Bobby Fogle
- 14 Gary Barkdoll
- 21 Denny Leatherman
- 28 Michael Burrier

Acolyte

- 7 Landon Lafferty
- 14 Lawson Rouzee
- 21 Cheyenne Leatherman
- 28 Brynleigh Irons

Organist/Pianist

- 7 Sara Weitzel
- 14 Sara Weitzel
- 21 Sara Weitzel
- 28 Sara Weitzel

Presenter PC

- 7 Michael Burrier
- 14 Robin Haupt
- 21 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 28 Cathie Elsbach

Zoom PC

- 7 Robin Haupt
- 14 Michael Burrier
- 21 Brandon Leatherman
- 28 Wanda Barkdoll

Greeters

- 7 Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 14 David & Sherry Scoggins
- 21 Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 28 Barkdoll Family

Saturday, December 6, 5:30 p.m.

Salem Christmas Party

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

- Potluck Dinner
- Package Exchange Game
- Visit from Santa

You, your family, and your friends are invited to the Christmas Party to be held at Salem Community Church on Saturday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the social room.

Come together as a church family for an evening of fellowship and fun. The evening will start with a potluck dinner to be enjoyed by all. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Fun activities and games are being planned for all ages. We will be playing the package exchange game to be enjoyed by children, youth and adults. Please bring a wrapped gift under \$10.

There will also be a visit from Santa, so kids get those wish lists ready.



Salem Community Choir Notes

**Choir to Present Christmas Music during Worship
December 21 – 9:00 a.m.**

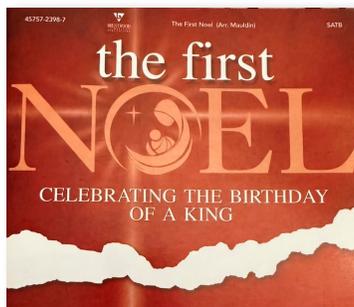
Salem Community Church Choir will be presenting "The First Noel - Celebrating the Birthday of a King" by Russell Mauldin during morning worship on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

This musical is a festive celebration of traditional carols and contemporary songs preparing us to welcome Jesus as a newborn baby and His return in majestic glory as our Lord and King.

**Enjoy More Christmas Music on Christmas Eve
December 24 – 7:00 p.m.**

On Christmas Eve we will be presenting the peaceful "Candlelight Christmas Canon" in an arrangement of Pachelbel's beloved "Canon in D" in which Mary McDonald has used her musical artistry to weave the familiar words of "Silent Night" into the beautiful music.

Don't miss these musical offerings which draw us closer to our Savior during this blessed season!



Christmas Cantata

It's Your Day!



December Anniversaries

- 12 - Bob & Petie Stup
- 24 - Dennis & Ruth Draper
- 30 - Mike & Debbie Irons

December Birthdays

- 4 - Judith Harne
- 5 - Klaus Mueller
- 6 - Cody Blickenstaff
- 8 - Sara Weitzel
- 9 - Theresa Haupt
- 9 - Mark Koons
- 11 - Amber Breneman
- 12 - Laura Green
- 17 - Holly Rippeon
- 18 - Joy Barkdoll
- 18 - Holly Brashears
- 20 - Nicole Eccard Draper
- 23 - Bill Burrier
- 25 - Stuart Tolland
- 28 - Lavena Jenkins
- 28 - Hannah Rouzee
- 29 - Jackson Haddock
- 30 - Keagan Mellott



Santa at last year's Christmas Party

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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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

The Holy Star

By William Cullen Bryant

As shadows cast by cloud and sun
Flit o'er the summer grass,
So, in Thy sight, Almighty One,
Earth's generations pass.

And while the years, an endless host,
Come pressing swiftly on,
The brightest names that earth can boast
Just glisten and are gone.

Yet doth the Star of Bethlehem shed
A luster pure and sweet,
And still it leads, as once it led,
To the Messiah's feet.

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright,
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

A Gift for Jesus

By Grace E. Easley

Is your gift for Jesus ready?
Have you chosen it with care?
Is it priceless, or just something
One can purchase anywhere?
Have you placed it in a safe place,
Taking care 'lest it should drop?
Have you wrapped it up in silver,
With a bow upon the top?

Is your gift for Jesus something
That you think He's sure to prize?
Will it bring a glow of pleasure
To the little Baby's eyes?
Is it something that will tarnish?
Will its colors crack and fade?
Are you proud of what you offer,
Or ashamed of what you've made?

Is your gift for Jesus ready?
For His birthday's drawing near,
And it calls for great rejoicing,
Since it's only once a year.
Will you just come empty-handed,
Gazing down on bended knee?
Or will you bring your love to place
. . . Beneath the Baby's tree?



RECIPE



Pennsylvania Dutch Chocolate Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup butter	2 cups flour
2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs	dash of salt
1 cup cocoa	

1. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and cocoa and beat at low speed until mixed well. Add flour, baking soda, and salt by hand until well blended.
2. Roll into balls and place 2" apart on greased cookie sheet. Flatten with fork dipped in sugar. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 10 minutes.



A Miracle in the Stable

By Clay Harrison

There was no gala party
In Bethlehem that night,
Only a miracle in a stable
And a star shining bright.

There were no decorations,
No music bright and gay . . .
No royal proclamations
That this was Christmas Day.

There was no tinsel tree,
No stockings hung with care,
But the miracle in the stable
Was grand beyond compare.

There were no invitations,
Yet poor and the Wise Men came
To behold a tiny Savior
And praise His holy name.

There was no gala party,
Just a virgin giving birth
On a cold and silent night
When Jesus came to earth.

"And when they saw the young child...
they fell down and worshiped Him.
When they had opened their
treasures, they presented unto Him
gifts; gold and frankincense and
myrrh." —Matthew 2:11

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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Shepherd's Song

By Beverly J. Anderson

Infant Jesus in the manger,
Son of God and newborn King,
Filled with wonder we behold Thee
Oh, that we had gifts to bring.

We are but poor, lowly shepherds
With no riches for a king;
As we kneel in adoration
Loving hearts to Thee we bring.

Take our love and joy o'erflowing,
And our praise of purest worth;
Simple shepherd, hearts, enfold Thee
Little King of Royal Birth.

Promised One so long awaited.
How we marvel at the site;
In Thee lies the world's salvation,
Gift of God born on this night.



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in December

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

"O, Holy Night"

My favorite Christmas carol is, "O, Holy Night." The beauty of the song overshadows its dark history.

The Poem, The Music

It began as a poem written in 1843 by a French man who was a self-described atheist!

A fellow French man composed the music as a favor to a local minister, though the composer was not a churchgoer.

The poem defies the words of an atheist, though:

*"O, Holy Night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world, in sin and error pining
'til He appeared and the soul felt its worth."*

The thrill of our Savior's birth is such a magnificent blessing that even an atheist presents its majesty.

The Biblical Account

His poem, however, fails to compare to the beauty of the Biblical account of that Holy Night.

Luke recorded the events of that event in his gospel.

Luke 2:10-11 says,

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'"

You probably recall the scene. Shepherds were in the fields watching their sheep at night. Suddenly, an angel appeared and shared the greatest news imaginable!

The angel told them the good news was of "great joy." They were also told that this great joy will be "for all the



people." The source of the joy is unfathomable, and the scope of the joy is unmatched.

But the best part of this Holy Night is the subject of the joy. That subject is the announcement of a birth.

The place of the birth was "the town of David," which was Bethlehem.

The person of the birth was "a Savior."

The angel announced that the purpose of the birth was to be the "Christ" (i.e. the Messiah).

The announcement also included the plan of the birth; "the Lord." That word means master.

The "O, Holy Night" celebrated the birth of our Messiah, Jesus Christ, God the Son, had vacated the splendor of heaven to come to earth.

He did this so He could one day die on a cross upon Mount Calvary. It was the greatest gift the Heavenly Father could have offered the world.

That is why the night was so holy. It is my favorite story. It is a beautiful story. It is a beautiful carol, as well.

In Christ. —Pastor Neil

Worship in December

We are in Advent season. When celebrating the Advent of our Savior, we add the tradition of lighting the candles of the Advent wreath.

This year, each candle represents an

aspect of this sermon series. The term "Advent" means "appearing" and it refers to the first time Jesus appeared on earth as a human.

God the Son stepped down from heaven in the form of a tiny baby and that gives us cause to celebrate.

Sunday, December 7

The FAITH of Advent

Luke 1:26-38

As we light the FAITH candle today, we reflect on the meeting Mary had with the angel, Gabriel.

When Gabriel explained to Mary that the child she was carrying was from God, Mary believed.

When Gabriel also told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, who had been barren, was now also expecting a child, Mary proclaimed that "nothing is impossible with God."

That kind of faith should be an inspiration to us today.

Sunday, December 14

The JOY of Advent

Luke 1:39-45

The third candle to be lit today will be the JOY candle. In our text today, we will look at the visit between Mary and Elizabeth.

Elizabeth was expecting who would be known as John the Baptist. When Mary arrived at the home of Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped for JOY! Even in his mother's womb, John sensed the presence of the Messiah, and it resulted in pure JOY.

The lesson for us in this passage is that we can experience pure joy whenever we intentionally spend time in the presence of Jesus!

Sunday, December 21

The PEACE of Advent

Luke 1:46-56

Reflecting on the PEACE of Advent that comes from the promise of the Savior, Mary worshipped God by submitting to His plan. She sang, 'my soul exults the Lord' and 'all generations will call me blessed.'

The presence of God and the power of God were a source of peace for Mary.

God's presence and power are as available to us as they were to Mary. For that reason, we are able to experience the same peace Mary felt.

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Grades 4+

BE AN "IGNITE YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY

In December, the IGNITE Youth Sunday School class (grades 4+) will learn about "God's Promises" to know that God can be trusted, and that He is faithful and just.



God made a promise to Noah, to Abraham and Sarah, to Jacob, to David, and to us. Each promise God made He kept. We have all made promises and broken them. It is not easy to always keep our promises to ourselves, to others, and to God, but thank goodness that God is not a man, so he does not lie. (Numbers 23:19) Over and over again, our students will see evidence of God's faithfulness not just to the people of the Bible, but to each of us.

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.

WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

*By Pastor Neil Suders***Wednesday, December 24****Christmas Eve****The CHRIST of Advent****Luke 2:8-20**

If you have ever seen the "Charlie Brown Christmas Special," you have no doubt witnessed the soliloquy by Linus where he quotes Luke 2:8-14.

It is known as THE Christmas Story. Good news; Great joy; a Savior being born was shared with the shepherds on that holy night!

Keeping Christ in Christmas is not just sound theology. Keeping Christ in Christmas is essential for our personal well-being. That's because Christ is the meaning of Christmas.

Since the Advent is about His appearing, we must learn to celebrate the arrival of Jesus Christ.

**Sunday, December 28****The PROOF of Advent****Luke 2:21-40**

After His birth, Jesus was taken to the temple to be presented according to the Mosaic Law. Both Simeon and Anna prophesied about Jesus as the promised Messiah.

The fortieth verse states that the Christ child "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him."

This was the PROOF of Advent.

On our final Sunday of 2025, we want to enter the new year by being strong, filled with wisdom, and having the favor of God be upon us.

SALEM RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS

New Members on November 9, 2025 — From left Brittni Rouzee, Jesse Rouzee, Shannaa Bidle, and Michelle Mallory.

November 9th was a big day for our church family! We received 4 new members into our fellowship during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. We support and welcome those taking this step into church membership.

Following Sunday School, we hosted a Celebration Luncheon in the social room to recognize and welcome ALL new members who have joined our church since we became Salem Community Church in 2023 (see list below).

We have received **41 new members** since becoming Salem Community Church just two years ago. We are a church that teaches and preaches traditional Christian values.

16 New Members on October 29, 2023

Heidi Agostini, Joy Barkdoll, Tim Eccard, Mary Ellen Eccard, Janet Goetzke, Sharon Harshman, Daniel Lafferty, Jamie Lafferty, Klaus Mueller, Tonia Mueller, Kenneth Poling, Dianna Poling, Cheryl Webb, Cassidy Webb, Rylie Webb, and Shannon Webb

11 New Members on May 5, 2024

Tim Duley, Jody Eccard, Kathy Hill, David Kline, Wanda Kline, Bryan Rouzee, Hannah Rouzee, David Scoggins, Sherry Scoggins, Misty Suders, and Krista Willman

2 New Members on November 17, 2024

Bill Bere and Amber Stine

8 New Members on June 29, 2025

David Brandenburg, Susan Brandenburg, Ron Holter, Kathy Holter, Dale Kline, Audrey Kline, Tony Miller and Rhonda Miller

4 New Members on November 9, 2025

Shannaa Bidle, Michelle Mallory, Brittni Rouzee, and Jesse Rouzee

FOOD PANTRY THEME FOR DECEMBER

Encouraging Christmas Cards

Food Pantry Leaders: Justinn & Holly Irons

Salem Mission Projects No. 12 & 14

SALEM SPONSORS CHILDREN THROUGH COMPASSION AND WORLD VISION

In a recent letter from Compassion International, Luckman writes...

Hello, how are you doing? Thank you for your love and caring. My family is very thankful for me to get a friend like you. God bless you so much. Now my parents are preparing the farms. It is the season now. I am very happy writing for you this letter. When I am at the [Compassion] center I feel very good. I meet with my friends and play together and studying together. God bless you.



Luckman, age 9
Tanzania

In a recent update from World Vision, Lizeth is currently in primary school in Colombia, studying grade five. World Vision staff are monitoring her well-being and her health is good. Salem's support helps to supply school supplies to help with her education and personal development. She is also being taught about child rights and who to talk to if those rights are not respected; also what to do and who to turn to if she is hurt or feels unsafe.



Lizeth Dayana, age 10
Colombia

**"BEE-LIEVERS"
WOMEN'S GROUP
PLANNING FUND-RAISERS**

SAVE THE DATES

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Friday, January 23, 2026
5:30-7:30 p.m.

SOUP & SANDWICH SALE
Orders due January 4, 2026
Pick Up February 7 & 8
[Details on page 11]

Our "Bee-lievers" are a very active women's group. Some might say they are busy as bees.



**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY
IS NOW ON ZOOM**

If you would like the Zoom link to join us on Wednesday evenings, contact Pastor Neil. The study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

FIRST TIME VISITORS TAKE NOTE

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. We encourage children to remain with their parents in worship and participate in Pastor Neil's children's message.

**NEW OUTDOOR BULLETIN BOARD
INSTALLED**



By the time you read this, our new electronic bulletin board may be in operation. Our thanks to Salem member and master brick mason Tony Miller who beautifully reconstructed the brick work around the new sign; and to Salem member and master electrician Bobby Fogle for connecting the electrical to make it all work (photos above).

The previous outdoor bulletin board was dedicated in memory of Richard and Gladys Martin, and likewise this new bulletin board will continue to reflect their loving memory and their love for the Lord as they faithfully worshipped at Salem Church many years ago.

Saturday, December 13, 2025

COUNTRY CHURCHES CHRISTMAS TOUR



Photo by Robert Buckheit Photography. — Salem Community Church, 2023

Saturday, December 13, 2025, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Country Churches Christmas Tour is sponsored by the Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society.

To begin this free, self driving tour, stop first at the community room of the Myersville Municipal Center at 301 Main Street in Myersville. There you will find tour maps, a list of participating churches, interesting historical displays, refreshments, and restrooms.

The churches included in this year's tour are: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mount Zion United Methodist Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, Harmony Church of the Brethren, Salem Community Church, St Mark's Lutheran Church, Hillside Chapel (formerly Pleasant Walk UMC), Garfield United Methodist Church, Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, Foxville Schoolhouse, and Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church.

This year's brochure suggests visitors look for beautiful stained-glass windows, a M.P. Moller Company organ, famous paintings, a soaring wooden ceiling, Scandinavian decorations, music and cookies!

Two of these churches were established in the mid to late 1700s, most others in the 1800s and two in the early 1900s.

These old churches reflect the care taken and the love given to them by their communities.

[If Frederick County is closed due to inclement weather, the tour will be held on the next day, Sunday the 14th at the same time.]



CHRISTMAS AT SALEM AT-A-GLANCE

Advent

*Invite a Friend to experience the
Hope of the season with you!*

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Nov. 30 → The Hope of Advent

Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 7 → The Faith of Advent

Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 14 → The Joy of Advent

Luke 1:39-45

Dec. 21 → The Peace of Advent

Luke 1:46-56

Dec. 24 - 7 p.m. → The Christ of Advent

Luke 2:8-20

Dec. 28 → The Proof of Advent

Luke 2:21-40

SALEM HONORED VETERANS NOVEMBER 9



We recognized our veterans on Sunday, November 9th during the 9 a.m. worship service and provided a special gift for all veterans in attendance. The adult choir sang the perfect song for the occasion "We Say Thank You."

Submitted by Marlene Young

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET

An excellent way to
memorize the scriptures.

Ruth Bell Graham used this fun, easy method to help her children memorize scripture. Franklin Graham and his wife, Jane Austin, carried on that tradition with their own kids, who in turn have used it to teach God's Word to their families.

[Selected from Decision Magazine, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.]

A	ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)	N	NOW is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)
B	BEHOLD! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)	O	OPEN my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law. (Psalm 119:18)
C	COME to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)	P	PEACE I leave with you. My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)
D	DRAW near to God and He will draw near to you. (James 4:8)	Q	QUICKEN me according to thy word. (Psalm 119:154, KJV)
E	EVEN so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. (Matthew 18:14)	R	REST in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. (Psalm 37:7)
F	FOR by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)	S	SEEK and you will find. (Matthew 7:7)
G	GOD so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)	T	THE blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)
H	HIM that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. (John 6:37, KJV)	U	UNTO you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11, KJV)
I	I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)	V	VERILY , verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me hath everlasting life. (John 6:47, KJV)
J	JESUS answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." (John 6:29)	W	WHAT will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? (Mark 8:36)
K	KNOCK , and it will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)	X	EXCEPT a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3, KJV)
L	LOOK to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22)	Y	YOU are not your own. ... For you were bought at a price. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
M	MY grace is sufficient for you. (2 Corinthians 12:9)	Z	ZEALOUS for good works. (Titus 2:14)

Scenes from . . .

Meatloaf Dinner and Trunk or Treat



Salem Social Room filled with folks enjoying the meal.



Wanda, Cathie, & Sue Ellen serving food.

Friday, November 7, 2025 — The “Bee-lievers” Women’s Group at Salem organized a dinner fundraiser to support future church activities. The menu featured meatloaf, escalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and desserts generously donated by Salem members. We are deeply grateful for the community’s support. 65 people attended. Donations for the meal totaled \$988.

—Wanda Barkdoll

Wolfsville Community TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat 2025 was a big success with 220 Trick or Treaters participating. Salem Community Church had 13 trunks set up. We passed out over 5 gallons of hot cocoa and 175 hotdogs! Tim Leber with his Christ Cream van was offering ice cream and prayer!

Three hay wagons were operating, taking families around to Salem Community Church, Wolfsville Elementary School and St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. Thank you Doug Cline, Chuck Brandenburg and Kevin Leatherman for providing the wagons and driving!

The weather was beautiful and everyone had a fun and safe time! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success!

—Mary Ellen Eccard



Orders due January 4, 2026

SALEM'S WINTER SOUP/SANDWICH SALE

Enjoy Lord's-Acre-style food on a cold winter day

The Salem "Bee-lievers" Women's Group will soon be making more of that good food served at the annual Lord's Acre Festival (held in September).

The women's group is offering a "Soup and Sandwich Sale" which will include four kinds of soup: vegetable, turkey noodle, turkey corn, and bean with rivels at \$8.00 per quart, country ham sandwiches for \$4.25 each, and turkey salad sandwiches at \$3.25 each.

These items must be ordered by Sunday, January 4, 2026. Order forms are also available in the church hallway, or you may contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at ses1313@comcast.net or 301-471-2603.

Items may be picked up on Saturday, February 7, from 4-6 p.m. or on Sunday, February 8, from 9-11 a.m., after morning services. Please indicate your preferred pick-up time on your order form.

The "Bee-lievers" thank you! —*Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer*



SALEM "BEE-LIEVERS" WOMEN'S GROUP WINTER FOOD SALE – ORDER NOW

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❖ **FOOD SALE ORDER FORM** ❖

Orders Due January 4, 2026

Please contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at ses1313@comcast.net or at 301-471-2603.

Your Name _____

Phone _____

SOUPS		How many?	Amount \$
Vegetable	\$8.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Noodle	\$8.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Corn	\$8.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Bean with rivels	\$8.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
SANDWICHES			
Country Ham	\$4.25 each	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Salad	\$3.25 each	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL amount due at pick up			\$ _____

PICK UP (check one) Sat Feb 7 (4-6 p.m.)
 Sun Feb 8 (9-11 a.m.)

SALEM TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Walking Where Jesus Walked

By Pastor Neil Suders

I sent an email out as an announcement that we are scheduling a trip to the Holy Land in October, 2026.

We will be flying from either JFK in New York, or Dulles out of DC on the evening of October 21, 2026.

Places to Visit in Israel

Jerusalem Eternal Tours (JET), Inc. will be our guides. We will experience western Israel and the region of Galilee. We will visit the Dead Sea, have an opportunity to be baptized in the Jordan River, and visit Jerusalem, the city of David.

More details will be available later, but the trip will conclude with a banquet on the 29th, followed by our midnight flight to return home on the 30th.

Rates will be priced with a double occupancy (but a single room rate would be available with an added surcharge).

We will need a minimum of 15 guests to make the trip a reality. Obviously, first priority will go to the Salem Community Church family. However, if you know of friends or family who are interested in going, please let me know. We have until June 14, 2026, to give a tentative list.

A deposit of \$200 with room assignments will be needed by July 14th, 2026.

A boat ride on the sea of Galilee and a Bible study in the garden of Gethsemane will be among the highlights of the trip.

Please send me an email or hand me a note so I have a list in writing. I will keep the congregation apprised of the status.

As I mentioned in the email, even if you expressed interest last time, please tell me again.

Estimated Cost

The estimated cost of the trip is about \$2,200 per person, plus airfare and tips. There are discounted rates for more than twenty guests.

Please prayerfully consider joining us on this trip of a lifetime. Incidentally, IF the region becomes a battle zone again, JET, Inc. will cancel the trip.

In Christian Sympathy

Jerry Lee Draper, 72

The Salem Community Church family extends sincere sympathy to the family of Jerry Draper who passed away on Monday, November 3, 2025, at his home. Jerry resided and was well-known in the Wolfsville area, and was a member of Salem Church from his youth.

**How to Give
Tithes & Offerings**

1. In Person

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



Some thoughts to ponder . . .

If you make room for
 Jesus in your heart, He
 will make room for you in
 Heaven.

Nothing is so strong
 as gentleness,
 nothing so gentle as
 real strength.

The Birth of Christ
 brought God to man; the
 cross of Christ brings
 man to God.

You don't need to know
 where you're going if you
 let God do the leading.



The Mountain Shepherd

Salem Community Church, Wolfsville
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 Myersville, MD 21773-0144

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Address Services Requested

SERVICE TIMES

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



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