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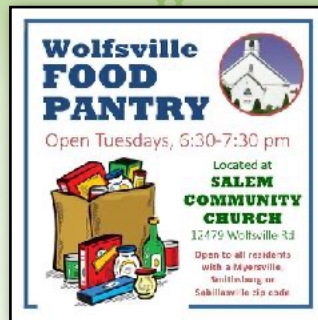
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Salem Community Church
Wolfsville



OUR VISION

Building Connections
Growing God's Family

We are meeting
new families
almost every Sunday

Come Grow With Us

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We are "Packing the Pews"

Rally Day at Salem

Sunday, October 4th • 10 am

"PACK THE PEW" SUNDAY
COME GROW WITH US!

Rally Day

OCTOBER 4, 2026

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

11:30 AM CATERED LUNCH & FUN

SALEM COMMUNITY CHURCH
Wolfsville, MD

WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. on this day only (not 9 a.m.) No Sunday School.

CATERED LUNCH 11:30 A.M.

A catered lunch by *Mountain Gate Family Restaurant* will be served at 11:30 a.m. at the pavilion.

The menu starts with a Fresh Vegetable Tray with Dip, Cheese; then Fried Chicken, Pulled BBQ Pork, Mashed Potatoes and

Gravy, Baked Macaroni & Cheese; Corn, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Broccoli Salad, Rolls & Butter, Iced Tea, Lemonade & Coffee, and Pies & Cookies for dessert.

The meal is free. Salem Church is paying for the food as our gift to our wonderful growing church family.

BOUNCE HOUSE

A bounce house will be available for the children to enjoy.



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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.**Newsletter Distribution:**Online Website Link: 210
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47 Zoom Online
159 TOTAL

2026 MISSION PROJECTS

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Aug 2026

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$1,640.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	\$0.00
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons)	\$1,554.42
4. Sweet Blessings Ministry (Tim Leber)	\$400.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem)	\$6,365.38
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada)	\$1,800.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus)	\$850.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	\$175.00
9. Kelsey McHugh (WIM - Honduras)	\$925.00
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic)	\$1,400.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	\$1,600.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	\$344.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry)	\$193.16
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	\$280.00
15. Asheton & Tara Root (Senegal)	\$900.00

TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2026 \$18,426.96

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. 14

Sponsored Child through World Vision in Colombia

Update on our sponsored child...

Lizeth Dayana Colombia

Lizeth writes...

- I am 12 years old.
- Currently, I am in secondary school studying in grade seven.
- World Vision staff are monitoring my well-being. Currently my health is good.
- I worked with my friends and community to make our community more child-friendly.
- We came together at a community event to celebrate our culture and heritage.
- I received cash or vouchers to help me with essential supplies.

[Salem provides \$35 monthly to support Lizeth.]



Lizeth Dayana

Who's Doing What, When?

October 2026

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

Lay Reader

4 Denny Leatherman
11 David Brandenburg
18 Ron Holter
25 Gary Barkdoll

Acolyte

4 Lawson Rouzee
11 Cheyenne Leatherman
18 Brynleigh Irons
25 Shelby Leatherman

Organist/Pianist

4 Sara Weitzel
11 Sara Weitzel
18 Sara Weitzel
25 Sara Weitzel

Presenter PC

4 Michael Burrier
11 Cathie Elsbach
18 Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
25 Brandon Leatherman

Zoom PC

4 Robin Haupt
11 Brandon Leatherman
18 Wanda Barkdoll
25 Michael Burrier

Greeters

4 Donnie & Susie Stottlemeyer
11 Jesse & Colton Lewis
18 Matthew Stottlemeyer
25 David & Wanda Kline

Our thanks to the "community" for making our 66th Lord's Acre Festival a big success.

A big "Thank You" to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our 66th annual Lord's Acre Festival.

The following morning at Sunday worship, Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer, gave a preliminary financial report to the Salem congregation.

Bill began his report with a few brief comments, saying, "Three years ago when we disaffiliated from the denomination, we added 'Community' to our church name. That seemed fitting because this church is a 'voice for Christ'... in this community."

"And then... there are times like yesterday [September 12, 2026] when this 'Community' supports THIS ministry, which, in turn, helps us in our ministry to the 'Community.' Have you figured out the 'key' word... 'Community.'"

"The way this community has supported our annual Lord's Acre Festival over these many years is a blessing, and, yesterday was no exception."

"We have done this 66 times and the Lord continues to bless our efforts."



Follow up to last month's feature about the quilt pictured above. As reported last month, this quilt, donated by Marilyn Leatherman just weeks before her death, was to be auctioned at the 6 p.m. live auction. Marilyn purchased this quilt 10 years ago at the 2016 Lord's Acre Festival. The quilt has hand-embroidered squares of flowers, butterflies, and hearts. The full/queen-size quilt was designed and embroidered by members of Salem Church and was beautifully hand quilted by the Zion Quilters of Middletown, Maryland. At the auction, the quilt was sold to the highest bidder for \$2,500.

We Appreciate You!

Honoring Our Pastor During Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a special time to recognize and thank our pastor for his faithful service, spiritual leadership, and love for our church family.

We are grateful for the time, prayer, and dedication our pastor gives to sharing God's Word, leading worship, and caring for our congregation. His commitment to teaching and preaching Biblical truths is a blessing to us all. May God continue to strengthen you, guide you, and bless you and Misty in the ministry He has called you to do. —Bill Burrier, Editor, The Mountain Shepherd



Pastor Neil & Misty Suders

It's Your Day!



October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 9 - Joshua & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 11 - TJ & Amanda Rhinehart
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 20 - Meredith & Janice Harshman

October Birthdays

- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 4 - Sherry Scoggins
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 12 - Saralynn Irons
- 14 - Bryan Rouzee
- 16 - Amber Stine
- 17 - Jamie Lafferty
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 23 - Dale Kline
- 29 - Riley Mellott
- 30 - Maggie Mueller
- 31 - Jason Buhman



PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor's Parsonage Office:

- **Monday** 10:00-5:00 Study, sermon prep, administrative duties
- **Tuesday** 8:00-4:30 study, sermon & Bible study prep
- **Wednesday** 8:00-4:30 Sermon & Bible study prep
- **Thursday** 8:00-4:30 visitation, study

Pastor's Home Office:

- **Friday** 8:00-4:00 sermon prep (working from his residence on Fridays)

Pastor's Day Off:

- **Saturday:** available for emergencies

NOTE: Please notify Pastor Neil of scheduled hospital procedures. Also, he may be out of the office for meetings, appointments and visitation, so it would be best to make an appointment.



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

A Prayer for Faith

By Jenn Esbenschade

Increase my faith, Lord.
 Increase my faith that I can forgive
 a brother or sister seven times a day,
 so that daily I will see your face in them.
 Increase my faith that your kingdom
 is among us,
 so that daily I will strive for its realization.
 Increase my faith that peace can reign
 on this earth,
 so that daily I will make peace around me.
 Increase my faith that the poor
 will have enough,
 so that daily I will be reminded
 to give of my wealth.
 Increase my faith that my actions matter,
 so that daily I won't be fooled
 into thinking they don't.
 Increase my faith that you are the
 driving force of life,
 so that daily I will remember that I'm not.
 Increase my faith.



[Jesus said,] "If the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive.'" The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" —Luke 17:4-5

God is Always There

By Harold F. Mohn

I have known the heights of happiness,
 The depths of dark despair,
 And at each point I always found
 That God was present there.



I have known the feeling of success
 And that of failure too,
 And when my luck was down and out,
 God helped me start anew.

I have known all life's temptations
 That tear the soul apart,
 But I placed them all behind me,
 For God was in my heart.

Isaiah 41:10: "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."



RECIPE



Apple Butterscotch Bars

2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon salt
1 cup oil	1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 eggs, beaten	3 cups apples, cored, peeled and chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	1 cup chopped nuts
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour	1 cup butterscotch chips
2 teaspoons baking powder	
1 teaspoon baking soda	

Combine sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla in a large bowl. Mix in flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon; mix well. Stir in apples and nuts. Spread in a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes. Makes about 3 dozen.

Selected from "AUTUMN In the Country" cookbook



God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes,
 Which God gave me to hold.
 He said, "Put all your sorrows in the
 black box,
 And all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two
 boxes,
 Both my joys and sorrows I stored.
 But though the gold became heavier
 each day,
 The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black,
 I wanted to find out why.
 And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,
 Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused,
 "I wonder where my sorrows could be!"
 He smiled a gentle smile and said,
 "My child, they're all here with me..."

I asked God, why He gave me the
 boxes.
 Why the gold and the black with the
 hole?
 "My child, the gold is for you
 to count your blessings,
 The black is for you to let go."

Reprinted from the October 2007 issue of "The Mountain Shepherd."

This poem was submitted in 2007 by Ralph Wolfe, Grafton, West Virginia. Ralph, now deceased, was Dianna Poling's father.

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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A Kind Word or Smile

By Catherine Janssen Irwin

Always be ready
 With a kind word or smile,
 For whatever the season,
 They're always in style.

They can do wonders
 Where medicine's failed
 To uplift the lonely,
 The sick and the frail.

Whenever through kindness
 You show that you care,
 That rough road seems smoother
 For those treading there.

Proverbs 16:24 says, "Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."



Message from the Pastor

and

Worship in October

■ By PASTOR NEIL SUDERS

Doctrine 101: Eschatology The Doctrine of Prophecy (Last Days)

One of the most popular doctrines is the study of prophecy (also known as the “End Times”). The true name of this study is Eschatology, because “eschatos” is the Greek word meaning “final, or end.”

As we saw before, “logos” means “word or study,” so Eschatology is the study of the end times.

Not only is this doctrine popular, it is also controversial, in that there are many debates and discussions about the topic.

My goal, as usual, is to try to spell out the prophetic timeline in a concise, understandable order.

I wish to state my conviction and understanding of the timeline and then explain what the terms mean.

Pre-tribulation, Pre-millennial Rapture of the Church

I believe in the “pre-tribulation, pre-millennial Rapture of the church.” Now, let us unpack that.

The next event in prophecy to occur is the rapture of the church. While the word “rapture” does not appear in the Bible, it comes from the Latin word for a “snatching away,” which Paul described in 1 Thessalonians 4.

Paul informed us that those who have died in Christ will rise first. In a moment (1 Corinthians 15 says “the twinkling of an eye”), the trumpet call will sound. Suddenly, we will all be transformed.

Here’s what will happen in the Rapture: The “dead in Christ will rise first.” The “dead in Christ” are all of those believers who have died since Christ was crucified.

The moment they died, their spirits were instantly with the Lord. Their remains (whether buried, cremated, or



lost at sea) will be joined with their spirits to form a glorified, eternal body.

“We who remain” are the believers alive when the rapture occurs. That is when the transformation takes place. When that trumpet sounds, our mortal bodies will change into immortal bodies.

At the Rapture, ALL believers since the death of Christ will be transported into heaven to be with the Lord, Jesus Christ.

This is the first event of what the Bible calls the “Day of the Lord,” and it can take place at any time. In other words, nothing needs to take place before the Rapture.

Seven-Year Tribulation Period

Shortly after the Rapture, the next event in prophecy will be the seven-year tribulation period.

As I mentioned earlier, I believe the Bible teaches a Pre-tribulation Rapture, meaning the Church will be raptured to heaven prior to the tribulation.

The Tribulation will be a seven-year period here on earth where God will send His judgment onto the earth (punishing those who had rejected Christ and were therefore left behind after the Rapture).

The seven-year period will be divided into two 3.5-year periods. During the first half of the Tribulation, the Anti-Christ will establish a treaty of peace with Israel.

But, as Daniel prophesied in Chapter 9, the Anti-Christ will break that treaty midway through.

The judgment will become more

severe during the second half of the tribulation, making the last 3.5 years known as the “Great Tribulation.”

It is during this time that the False Prophet will insist that everyone receive the mark of the Beast to buy and sell anything. Those who reject the mark will be beheaded.

Campaign of Armageddon

Second Coming of Jesus Christ

The Tribulation period will come to a close with the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The Campaign of Armageddon will end with Jesus returning to defeat Satan’s army.

This is significant, because we (the Church, the Bride of Christ, the Redeemed) will return with Him.

At this point, Christ will set up the Millennial Reign of Christ. The Millennium will be a literal 1,000-year period on earth where we will reign with Christ.

During the Millennium, Satan will be bound in the Bottomless Pit, only to be released for a final battle against Jesus Christ. Satan will be defeated and cast into the lake of fire for eternity. This will lead to the final judgment and eternity.

To review, the timeline of final events will be the Rapture of the Church, followed by the seven-year Tribulation on earth.

The Tribulation Period will lead to the Millennium, which ends with the Final Judgment and eternity.

We, as Christians, are to be ready for the Rapture at any time.

In Christ. —Pastor Neil

Worship in October

New Sermon Series

“A Man After God’s Own Heart”

We are beginning a new sermon series on the life of King David, one of Israel’s greatest kings. In 1 Samuel 13:14, the LORD was looking for a man after His own heart.

Then, in Acts 13:22, God gave the testimony that “I have found David to be a man after my own heart.”

David was not a perfect man; he made mistakes and he sinned greatly. But he always DESIRED to do what would please God.

In this sermon series, we will not deify David. But we will look at his life to learn what we should and should NOT do to serve God. Hopefully, we can learn to become “people after God’s own heart”.

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 4

Rally Day

"The Fall of Tall Saul"

1 Samuel 8:1-22

God's desire was for Israel to have a Theocratic government, where God would rule the nation through His prophets.

However, Israel wanted a king like the other nations had. Samuel, the prophet, was saddened by this, but God said they were rejecting Him, not Samuel.

Saul was chosen because he was tall and looked the part. But, Saul failed and God rejected him as king.

Sunday, October 11

"He Wasn't Even Considered"

1 Samuel 15:24-16:13

God told Samuel to head to the house of Jesse and anoint the new king who would replace Saul.

Jesse had seven sons, so when Samuel arrived, Jesse had his older sons line up, assuming one of them would be the next king of Israel.

Since David was the youngest, he was out in the field with the sheep. The problem was that they were looking at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart.

Sunday, October 18

"Too Big to Miss"

1 Samuel 17:28-51

One of the most well-known narratives about David is his combat with Goliath.

In the story, Goliath challenged the Israelites to battle each day for forty days. His size was imposing! He was probably 9'6" tall.

But David didn't see him as too big. David considered him too big to miss!

David's confidence wasn't in the size of the enemy. David's confidence was in the strength of his God.

He recalled past victories over bears and lions and realized God would give him the victory over this Philistine.

Sunday, October 25

"Hiding in a Cave"

1 Samuel 22:1-5

In the 21st chapter of 1 Samuel, David had fled to Gath to escape Saul.

He recalled people singing "Saul had slain his thousands, but David his tens of thousands." But going to Gath (the hometown of Goliath) could be perilous, so he acted like he was insane!

So, having to flee Gath, he found himself in the Cave of Adullam. He was hiding in the cave with four hundred men who were in financial straits, in trouble, or emotionally torn.

Before David could transition from military leader to political leader, he found himself hiding in a cave with a rag-tag band of misfits.

Sometimes we need to develop leadership skills with those who are already around us.

FOOD PANTRY

**"Monthly Themes" for
"Wolfsville Food Pantry" at Salem**

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October

• Blankets: New only, please.

November

• Turkeys

December

• Baking Supplies: Cake Mix, Icing, Jello, Cooking Oil, Pudding, Salt, Pepper, etc.

The Food Pantry is located in the parsonage at 12477 Wolfsville Road. (Across the parking lot from the church.)

During the month of August, the Food Pantry served 26 families.

Justin & Holly Irons

Food Pantry Ministry Directors



Seniors Ministry

Age 60 and Older

■ **By Ken Walls**

Seniors Ministry for the month of October will be Tuesday, October 13th, 10 a.m. 'til noon.

Theme:

"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

According to Jesus, it's the 2nd Greatest Commandment in all of your Bible.

"Love your neighbor as yourself." Ahh, sounds great, but how do we go about getting it done?

This month's Seniors Ministry has a pretty good, pretty funny, answer!

"A Man Called Norman" is a very special film from *Focus On The Family*.

You don't wanna miss this one—Tuesday, October 13th from 10 a.m. 'til noon.

You bring the cookies (and an extra tissue for the tears!)... we got the coffee.

—Ken & Thelma

Wildfire Student Ministry Youth Service Project

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

During the month of October, our Wildfire Student Ministry is collecting new twin-size bed sheets, blankets, comforters, mattress covers, and pillows in support of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace."

Donations from the community may be dropped off at the church on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Thanks for your support of the children in our community!



Grades 3-5**BE A "SPARKS YOUTH" EVERY SUNDAY**

In October, the "Sparks" (Grades 3-5) Upper Elementary Sunday School class will learn "Obedience to God" through several Old Testament stories.

Obedience is hard. We all want to do things our own way. Kids are asked to obey their parents, their teachers, and others in authority every day -- and they are also asked to obey God. In Deuteronomy 30:20, we are commanded to "love the Lord your God, obey Him, and remain faithful to Him." No part of that command is possible without God's help. This unit of study is about people who obeyed God even when it was hard to, such as Joshua, Elijah, and Daniel.

The lessons use engaging materials and videos like "Scripture Sketches" and "Elementary with Watson & Holmes" to reinforce the Gospel message in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Mike Burrier teaches the "Sparks" Upper Elementary Class each Sunday from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Educational Building. Come check us out!


**Family Bingo**

Just-for-fun bingo will be held in the church social room on Friday evening, October 16th. Enjoy a light meal of soups and sandwiches provided by the church. Please bring a "snacky snack" or dessert to share. Everyone welcome. A time for families to be together. Questions: Contact Kathy Hill

**Bible Study**

Looking for a midweek opportunity to pause, pray, and grow in God's Word? Join us Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. for Prayer & Bible Study with Pastor Neil Suders. In the church social room; also available on Zoom. Come as you are. All are welcome!



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Salem Mission Project No. 2

Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

LOOKING AHEAD

In November, Salem will once again be participating in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. [The contact at Salem is Barbie Stottlemeyer.]

Salem Outreach News**"Bee-lievers" Women's Group making gifts for the school Christmas Store**

The Salem "Bee-lievers" Women's Group will be making gift items to donate to Wolfsville Elementary School.

These items will be included in the school's Christmas Gift Store where the children will purchase gifts for their parents, siblings or other family members.

"Fill-the-Fridge" Outreach Campaign

The excellent relationship between Salem Church and the Wolfsville Elementary School continues.

Every week Pastor Neil visits the school and stocks the refrigerator in the teachers lounge with soft drinks, compliments of Salem Church.



Join the Salem Community Choir

■ By Sandy Lewis & Marlene Young, Co-Choir Directors

It's time to resume Choir rehearsals! Beginning October 6th, we invite you to share your voice and participate in our music ministry by joining the Salem Community Choir.

We look forward to the return of all current choir members and welcome any and all new members (ages 14 and up) to join the ranks of soprano, alto, tenor, bass. If you're not sure which voice part is in your range, we'll help you decide.

Our Purpose

Musical Ministry: We serve as musical ministers to enhance worship, help prepare hearts for the hearing of the Word and message God has put on our Pastor's heart, and use our God-given voices to return the gift of music to him in praise and worship of our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ as we bring our congregational faith community closer together in song.

Seasonal Focus: We will be working on music in preparation for the Fall, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas seasons.

Benefits of Singing with Us

Spiritual Connection: Feel a deeper connection to fellow choir members and to God through rehearsals, worship and prayer in music.

Improved health!: Singing is an aerobic workout for your lungs, reduces stress levels, lifts your spirits and contributes to an overall sense of wellbeing.

Warm Fellowship: Enjoy a supportive community of fellow believers and music lovers. Weekly rehearsals and shared services build tight-knit support networks and lasting relationships as church family.

Join the Fun: We have a lot of fun in the process of our rehearsals while sharing our musical gifts!

Rehearsal Details

When: Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM, beginning October 6th

Where: Salem Sanctuary

How to Join: Speak with Co-Choir Director Marlene Young or Pastor Neil after a Sunday worship service, or contact Marlene at 301-491-5275 or marleneyoung99@aol.com. No previous experience or ability to read music is required—just a joyful heart!

A Short October Message



As the seasons change and the leaves begin to fall, remember that God's steadfast love never changes. Just as nature undergoes a shift, may this new month mark a season of spiritual renewal in your life.

Trust in His guidance, lean on His strength, and let His light shine through you each day.

FIRST TIME VISITORS

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.

Pastor Neil will send you a card. Please let him know if you have a need. He will meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

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.

We encourage children to remain with their parents in worship and participate in Pastor Neil's children's message. Children who worship with their parents learn early that they are part of the larger church family. They grow up seeing themselves as valued members of the congregation.

Children's Activity Bags

Children's Activity Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary each Sunday.

Each bag contains activities around the scripture for the day and other activities to engage your little ones during the service.

Need to Step Out During the Service?

If you need to step out during the service, you may watch the service on the big screen in the upstairs social room. Feel free to use this space whenever needed.

"Trunk or Treat" set for October 23rd

■ By Mary Ellen Eccard

Salem Community Church's Trunk or Treat will be held October 23rd 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Salem pavilion. This is in collaboration with Wolfsville Elementary School. Tim Leber's Sweet Blessings ice cream van will return.

Hay rides will be available! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ellen Eccard 240-818-7136.



Scenes from . . .

66TH ANNUAL LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL

THURSDAY — Soup Making 9 a.m.—5 p.m.



Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & George Stottlemeyer

Making Beef Vegetable, Ham Bean, and Turkey Noodle soup.

FRIDAY — Turkey Salad 8 a.m. Fruit Pie Making 9 a.m.—5 p.m. Custard Pie Making 5—9



*Fruit pies: apple, peach, cherry, blueberry, and raisin.
Cream pies: Chocolate, Lemon Meringue and Coconut Cream.*

SATURDAY — Sandwich Making 8—10 a.m. Sales, Music, Auction & Fellowship 2—6 p.m.





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:

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SalemChurchWolfsville.org and select GIVE.



The 23rd Psalm

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize the 23rd Psalm from the Bible. They had a month to learn it. Little Rick was having a tough time getting it down. On the day the kids were scheduled to recite the passage, Rick, who was very nervous, stepped to the microphone, and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Adam & Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He did not have to hear about all of the men she could have married — and she did not have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the called.



The Mountain Shepherd

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9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

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