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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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Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT *of* SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Turning "shoe boxes" *into* Christmas gifts *for* children

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

■ By Barbie Stottlemyer 301-293-2372

We 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.

HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before Sunday, November 15th.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Empty shoe boxes are available at Salem in the hallway. Labels are available also to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group.

Boxes are due to Salem by Sunday, November 15, 2026

Goal: 100 Boxes

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center in Frederick, where they will be sent to North Carolina, and then sent out to the children.

POSTAGE is $10

There is a $10.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is visible.

Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

"Community Thanksgiving Service" set for Sunday afternoon, November 22, 4 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran, Wolfsville



The annual Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 22, at 4:00 p.m. This year's service will be hosted by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 12704 Wolfsville Road, Wolfsville.

Pastor Marlene Phillips from Harmony/St. John Lutheran Parish will be preaching. Pastors from Salem, Mt. Bethel, and Harmony Church of the Brethren will also be participating.

There will be a community choir. Those who wish to participate in the choir are asked to rehearse on the day of the service at 3:30 p.m.

This is a Wolfsville community event which is hosted on a rotating basis among local churches. Everyone is invited to attend to "Give Thanks to the Lord."

—Pastor Eric Moser, St. Mark's Lutheran

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Building Connections.
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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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Sept 2026 — Average Worship Attendance

108 In Sanctuary
42 Zoom Online
150 TOTAL

2026 *MISSION PROJECTS*

"Missions is the Mission of the Church"

Amount Paid Out to Projects Jan-Sept 2026

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission $1,845.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes) $0.00
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (includes funeral luncheons) $1,765.56
4. Sweet Blessings Ministry (Tim Leber) $600.00
5. Wolfsville Food Pantry (at Salem) $7,787.86
6. Travis & Mary D. (AIM - Canada) $2,025.00
7. Everstand (formerly Board of Child Care) (Martinsburg Campus) $950.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) $200.00
9. Kelsey McHugh (WIM - Honduras) $1,025.00
10. The Least of These Ministries (Dominican Republic) $1,700.00
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick $1,950.00
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania) $387.00
13. Heroes' Club (After School Ministry) $193.16
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia) $315.00
15. Asheton & Tara Root (Senegal) $1,200.00

TOTAL PAID OUT to these projects in 2026 ..... $21,943.58

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. 9

Kelsey McHugh — World Indigenous Missions in Honduras



Kelsey and Children

This mission project was added at the end of last year. It was recommended by Pastor Neil who has known Kelsey for many years and endorses her mission ministry in Honduras.

Kelsey, who is originally from Chambersburg, PA, moved to Honduras in August of 2015 to work as a fourth-grade teacher at a bilingual school. She taught for several years while also working with Project Talitha Cumi (PTC), a home for children in Honduras.

She knew that God was calling her to move to full-time missions, and she wanted to join a mission organization rather than try to do full-time missions alone.

She decided to join World Indigenous Missions (WIM) in 2017. They are headquartered in New Braunfels, Texas.

In 2020, Kelsey started working full-time at PTC. She has several roles at PTC, but her biggest role is being a mom to the children who live with her. She had always wanted to be a mom, but never thought it would look the way it does today. She desires to provide these children with a safe, loving environment where they feel like family.

[Salem provides a minimum of $100 monthly to Kelsey's work in Honduras.]

Who's Doing What, When? November 2026

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

Lay Reader	Acolyte	Organist/Pianist
1 Bobby Fogle	1 Saralynn Irons	1 Sara Weitzel
8 Lora McGraw	8 Landon Lafferty	8 Sara Weitzel
15 Shannäa Bidle	15 Lawson Rouzee	15 Sara Weitzel
22 Michael Burrier	22 Cheyenne Leatherman	22 Sara Weitzel
29 Tim Eccard	29 Brynleigh Irons	29 Susie Stottlemyer

Presenter PC	Zoom PC	Greeters
1 Michael Burrier	1 Robin Haupt	1 Paula Main
8 Cathie Elsbach	8 Brandon Leatherman	8 David & Sherry Scoggins
15 Sue Ellen Stottlemyer	15 Michael Burrier	15 Matthew Stottlemyer
22 Brandon Leatherman	22 Wanda Barkdoll	22 Kathy Hill
29 Wanda Barkdoll	29 Brandon Leatherman	29 Joy Barkdoll

Student Ministry at Salem is getting a boost!

The Salem Church Council has voted to hire a **Part-Time Youth Pastor** to lead the Wildfire Student Ministry. The ministry is doing well, but we feel that the ministry will have a greater impact if the person heading the ministry is compensated and can dedicate more time to the ministry. The Church Council will be posting the position on employment websites and will be praying for wisdom as the Personnel Committee discerns the best candidate. Some of the highlights from the job description are:

REQUIREMENTS

Spiritual Leadership
- Teach Biblically sound and engaging lessons during youth gatherings.
- Lead students toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Youth Ministry Development
- Plan and lead weekly youth group meetings.
- Organize special events, retreats, service projects, and outreach opportunities.

Pastoral Care
- Build meaningful relationships with students and their families.
- Provide guidance, encouragement, and support to youth facing life's challenges.
- Communicate effectively with parents regarding youth ministry activities.
- Be available to mentor students and help them navigate their faith journey.

Administration
- Manage youth ministry scheduling and communications.
- Maintain records and permission forms as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:
- A growing and active personal faith in Jesus Christ.
- Agreement with the church's statement of faith and core values.
- A passion for discipling and ministering to youth.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to organize activities and work effectively with students, parents, and volunteers.
- A lifestyle that reflects Christian character and integrity.

Preferred:
- Experience serving in youth ministry, teaching, mentoring, coaching, or other youth-related settings.
- Experience working with volunteers and leading group activities.
- Ability to connect with students from a variety of backgrounds.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ideal candidate will:
- Demonstrate Christian maturity and servant leadership.
- Be approachable, relational, and compassionate.
- Show initiative and creativity in ministry.
- Be dependable, flexible, and self-motivated.
- Have a genuine love for students and their families.

We will begin the search in November, and hope to have the right candidate hired by the new year.

It's Your Day!



November Anniversaries

19 - Justinn & Holly Irons
24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna
25 - Dale & Audrey Kline

November Birthdays

3 - Caroline Buhrman
9 - Lily Mueller
10 - Kenzly Rouzee
13 - Leah Tolland
14 - Karen Sowers
16 - Polly Doyle
17 - Christopher Haupt
17 - Beth Snead
18 - Ben Swope
22 - Liz Waite
24 - Wanda Kline
25 - Jadie Buhrman
26 - Mary Fogle
28 - Susie Stottlemyer

Thank you for the gift!

Dear Salem Community Church Family:

October was Pastor Appreciation Month and, like always, you compensated us with a monetary gift to show your appreciation. We are very thankful for your generosity.

We are blessed and honored to be here at Salem as part of this church family! In fact, Pastor Appreciation works both ways. As your pastor, **I appreciate** each and every one of you, and we are so grateful that God has called us here! May your generosity be reciprocated.

In Christ, *—Pastor Neil and Misty*

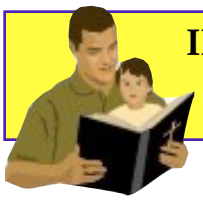
Pastor's Office Hours

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*

Thanksgiving on the Farm

By Leah Spade, Wolfsville, MD

Printed in memory of Leah Spade who wrote this poem, and who recently passed away on October 13, 2026, at the age of 104.



Leah Spade

"With Thanksgiving, here in Wolfsville, on the Farm."

You can hear the roosters crowing
And all the cattle lowing
Long before the brilliant sunrise greets the dawn
And the air, so crisp and hazy,
Makes your cheeks glow like a daisy
When you step across the glistening, frosty lawn.

What a joy to be advancing
Why, we almost feel like dancing
To our church that holds a very special charm
We'd rather listen to the preacher
Than be cheering on a bleacher
When we celebrate Thanksgiving on the farm.

Wolfsville ladies' Thanksgiving dinners
Always are blue ribbon winners
'Cause they grow the fixin's for them on the place
You won't hear the children whining
When at the table we are dining
Happiness just beams from every face!

Amid all the festive glories
They will share some funny stories
That will give the meal a fascinating charm
We will have a real Thanksgiving
We will know the joy of living
When we celebrate Thanksgiving on the farm.

When the crimson sun is setting
Surely you will be regretting
That Thanksgiving Day comes only once a year
You will feel like thanking Heaven
For all the bounties God has given
That have helped to make the day a day of cheer.

We have the greatest reasons for rejoicing
And our President, too, is voicing
Peace for all the world, without alarm
So forget all cares and troubles
For your hearts will fairly bubble
With Thanksgiving, here in Wolfsville, on the farm.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise."

RECIPE

Carol's Famous Baked Beans

2 (1-lb.) cans pork and beans
1 lb. lean ground beef
1 cup barbecue sauce
1/2 cup ketchup
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1/2 cup finely diced onion
3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1/4 cup dark molasses
1/2 cup bacon bits or 3 strips bacon, fried and crumbled

Brown beef and drain well. Add all ingredients, mixing well. Bake in 250-degree oven for two hours. Also does very well in crockpot. If you have any left, it reheats well.

Recipe by Carol Martin Moorefield from cookbook titled "Feast of Goodness — Sharing our Bounty" published in 1998 by Christ Reformed United Church of Christ, Middletown.

CAROL included a NOTE with the recipe: "My mother (Ann Martin), my Grandmother (Ruth Younkins) and her sisters all have reputations as fine cooks. I have never considered myself one-half the cooks they were; however, I began making these baked beans years ago when I married Gene Moorefield and my Daddy (Richard Martin) says they are the best baked beans he has ever eaten. Try them and see if you agree! They've become a standard item at our family gatherings."



Thanksgiving Harvest

By Craig E. Sathoff

Not only am I thankful for
The fields of ripened grain
And cellars that are filled with food
For wintertime again.

But also I am filled with thanks
For friends who've come my way
To add their special touch of peace
And beauty to the day.

The harvest of kind words and deeds,
The strength that comes from friends,
The chance to give and to receive:
All bring joy without end.

Thanksgiving calls me to assess
The value of a smile,
The ripening fellowships I share,
The friends across the miles.

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

When Skies are Gray

By Catherine Janssen Irwin

When storm clouds obscure the sun
And hope is looking dim,
Place all your loving trust in God
And ride the storm with Him.

He never will forsake your trust,
He's with you for all time,
He'll light the way to rainbowed skies
And hopes and dreams sublime.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in November

■ *By* **PASTOR NEIL SUDERS**

Pickleball Passion

I was at the gym recently and was in the locker room changing. While I was not there for a long period of time, I was there long enough to hear a conversation between two men.

The first man (I will call him 'pickleball Pete') was passionate about the sport of pickleball.

"Pete" was talking to his friend with a great deal of enthusiasm and passion about the game. He invited the man to come to the courts to play with him.

"Pete" also suggested the friend could join their league. "Pete's" friend was cordial and open to his enthusiasm.

Finally, "Pete" asked his friend if he had ever played pickleball before.

I was amused when his friend said "nope"! That made me laugh.

"Pete" was so excited about his passion, he was enthusiastically inviting a man to enjoy the game with him; even though the man had no experience with the game.

Lessons Learned

And that got me thinking. I can learn a few lessons from "Pickleball Pete."

The first lesson "Pete" taught me is the need for exuberance. Exuberance is a 'joyful enthusiasm' and "Pete" has exuberance.

If he can be enthusiastic about pickleball, I must be enthusiastic about my faith.

Paul said in Romans 12:10 that we should be "fervent in spirit."

"Pete" was so happy to share his hobby, he was beaming with pride.

I have a message of hope that is even more amazing than a game. My exuberance should be as obvious.

Another lesson from "Pete" is compassion for others.

While he was very enthusiastic about pickleball, he also was compassionate about the well-being of his friend. "Pete" was passionate about pickleball, and he felt his friend would benefit from the sport. And that is why he invited him.



"Pete" wanted his friend to be happy and fulfilled.

I must look beyond what is best for me and focus on what is best for others.

Philippians 2:3 says, "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."

It is essential for us to be interested in what is best for others. Thanks for the lessons, "Pete."

In Christ, —*Pastor Neil*

Worship in November

The sermon series on David continues to reveal his relationship with God. While he was "a man after God's own heart", he didn't always follow God's will.

From the heights of David defeating Goliath, to the despair of David in Adullam's cave, God was faithful.

We will follow the exploits of David to the lowest of times when he sinned with Bathsheba, and we will see the impacts that sin had on his life.

On the last Sunday of November, we will begin the observance of Advent. "It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

Sunday, November 1
2 Samuel 6:1-6
"David and the Ark"

We normally equate an ark with Noah. But David had an education with the Ark when he had a "right motive; wrong method" moment.

It is a mistake to do things for God the WAY we feel it should be done.

David sought to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem but failed to read HOW God wanted it to be done.

Sunday, November 8
2 Samuel 9:1-13
"Grace Truly IS Amazing!"

David was on the throne. The kingdom was flourishing.

He had remembered a promise he had made to Jonathan. He wanted to show kindness to any of Jonathan's descendants.

In a day when Mephibosheth was fearful of the King, David extended a level of grace that was uncharacteristic of what a king would do in those days.

We will learn today what grace looks like and how we can extend grace to those in need; EVEN to those who can give us nothing in return.

Sunday, November 15
2 Samuel 11:1-17
"Wrong Place; Wrong Time"

"It was the time of year when kings go off to war, yet DAVID REMAINED AT HOME."

That statement seems innocent by itself, but it resulted in David being in a bad situation.

I have always noted that if we are an optimist, we associate David with Goliath, and if we are a pessimist, we associate David with Bathsheba!

Today we will learn how to avoid such a trap.

Sunday, November 22
2 Samuel 15:1-12
"Trouble at Home"

"Sin has consequences." While we can have our sins forgiven, and we can be freed from the penalties of sin, we are not always freed from the consequences of those sins.

David's sin with Bathsheba was forgiven, but there were several consequences.

Most of those consequences involved his family. When we choose to sin, we are often faced with "trouble at home."

Today, we will learn how to avoid those consequences.

Celebrating Advent at Salem

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Worship in November

Sunday, November 29
1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 9:1-7
"All is Well; the HOPE"

This year's Advent theme is "All is Well."

The HOPE of Advent is that there was a promised Messiah who was to bring the Hope of light.

The people of Israel were in darkness spiritually and politically, and the promised Christ was to bring light.

The light of Jesus is available to us, so we have HOPE that abounds. All is Well!

Heroes' Club

Mondays - PreK through Grade 5

Heroes' Club has been going strong since we started in late September. We are doing a chronological journey through the Bible.

What is exciting about this year is that we are instituting a program of Scripture memorization. Each Monday, we have a Bible verse that ties into the lesson. We review previous verses and, I am excited to report, several students from all grades can recall all the verses so far! When the year is over, they will have memorized 26 verses! To God be the glory! *—Pastor Neil*

Food Pantry

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

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 September, the Food Pantry served 18 families.

Support for the Wolfsville Food Pantry has been outstanding. Along with generous donations of food and other goods, financial contributions have been outstanding as well. In order to better support our food pantry families, we are now able to offer more bags per family and a good supply of meat.

Justinn & Holly Irons
Food Pantry Ministry Directors

Salem Welcomes 11 New Members



September 27, 2026 — Travis Epley, Linda Grossnickle, Kenny Ifert, Tonya Stottlemyer, Steve Stottlemyer, Karen Stottlemyer, Lydia Lumley, Kathy Queen, Richard Queen.



October 11, 2026 — Kristy Lumley, Parker Lumley

Salem extends a warm welcome to 11 new members—our hearts are full! We are so grateful that God has brought each of you to our fellowship, and we pray for His continued blessing on your spiritual journeys. [Ed. Note: Salem has received 63 new members in the last 3 years.]

In Sympathy

Evelyn Eccard
April 29, 1928—September 27, 2026



Salem extends sincere sympathy to the family of Evelyn Eccard who passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at the age of 98. Evelyn was a member of Salem Community Church and although she was not able to attend in recent years due to declining health, she enjoyed visits from Salem's pastors and supported Salem's ministry in the Wolfsville area.

Petie Stup
June 12, 1945—September 29, 2026



Salem extends sincere sympathy to the family of Petie Stup who passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at the age of 81. Although the name given her at birth was Ruby, everyone knew her as Petie. She was a member of Salem Community Church and faithfully attended Sunday worship with her husband Bob. She loved the Salem Church family and with her positive attitude, she so enjoyed fellowship with the congregation, and us with her.



Seniors Ministry

Age 60 and Older

***By* Ken Walls**

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

Theme:
"Attitude of Gratitude"

Please join us for our next Seniors Meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 10 a.m.

We will celebrating an "Attitude Of Gratitude" including a very special look at the original meaning of Thanksgiving before it became eating, shopping, football, eating again, and getting the Christmas decorations out of the attic.

Just bring the cookies, no turkey necessary. We got the coffee.

—Ken & Thelma

Salem Community Choir Notes

We have begun practicing and are meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary for rehearsals which last about an hour. Marlene has chosen some wonderful selections for morning worship and special occasions including Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.

We will also be presenting a cantata entitled "A Child is Born…All is Well" created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith and arranged by Russell Mauldin, on Sunday morning December 20, during the worship service.

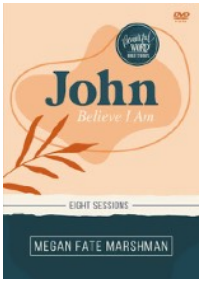
We welcome all singers age 14 and up to join us. It is not too late to begin rehearsing and Marlene has graciously provided audio links to help us in learning the songs.

Psalm 13:6 "I will sing the Lord's praises for He has been good to me."

—Sandy Lewis

Ladies' Bible Study • New Book

■ *By* **Debbie Irons**



The Ladies' Bible Study will begin a new study on the book of "John" by Megan Fate Marshman, starting Tuesday, November 3rd.

The Bible study time is from 6:00 — 7:30 p.m., both in person at the church and on Zoom.

We would love to have you join us for Bible Study and Fellowship. For more information, contact Debbie Irons at 240-446-1380.

Grades 3-5

Be a "Sparks Youth" every Sunday



In November, the "Sparks" (Grades 3-5) Upper Elementary Sunday School class will learn about "God's Plan for Families" using stories from both the Old and New Testaments.

All families are different, but God has a plan for each family. While some ideas about how a family is formed have become blurred today, this unit will reinforce the biblical model of family -- mothers and fathers serving as examples of God's love and teaching their children about Him. God's plan for families was revealed in the first family created -- Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel. From there, the story of baby Moses; the story of Ruth and Boaz; the story of Jesus visiting Mary and Martha; and the story of Priscilla and Acquilla will teach how God wants family members to love and help one another, worship together, and grow stronger in their faith.

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!

Salem honors our veterans on November 8.
Thank you for your service.

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.

Upcoming Events to Enjoy

Saturday, November 7 — 6:00 p.m.



"Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament
Please bring snacks/desserts.
Salem Social Room
Contact: Kathy Hill

Friday, November 13 — 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Spaghetti Dinner
Sponsored by "Bee-lievers" Women's Group
Cost: Your Donation
Salem Social Room
Contact: Wanda Barkdoll

Sunday, November 22 — "'Tis the Season" Day

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School • Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Pack Thanksgiving Baskets for Food Pantry
12:00 p.m. Light Lunch (Soup & Sandwiches)
1:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens (Decorating Sanctuary)
4:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service (St. Mark's)

It will be a spirited day to ring in the holidays with our church family, 'Tis the Season!

Wednesday Nights at Salem

Wednesday Nights at Salem Community Church are all about . . .

- **Growing in faith**
- **Connecting with others**
- **Studying God's Word**

🔥 Wildfire Student Ministry

Grades 6–12
6:30–8:00 p.m.
A fun, welcoming evening where students can build friendships and grow in their faith.

📖 Prayer & Bible Study with Pastor Neil

7:00–8:00 p.m.
A time of prayer, Bible study, and meaningful discussion as we grow together in God's Word.

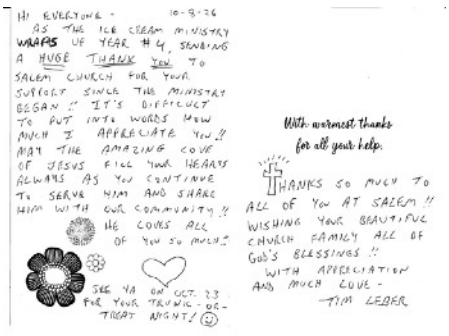
Come join us!



Salem Mission Project No. 4

Sweet Blessings Ministry — Tim Leber




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See ya on Oct. 23 for your Trunk-or-Treat night!
With warmest thanks for all your help.
Thanks so much to all of you at Salem!! Wishing your beautiful church family all of God's blessings!!
With appreciation and much love -
Tim Leber

Blessed are those who give of themselves.

October 8, 2026

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Salem to Honor Veterans November 8



We will recognize our veterans on Sunday, November 8th during the 9 a.m. worship service. It will be a beautiful service.





Thanksgiving is giving thanks for all that is necessary and dear to us — food, clothing, shelter, family, friends, beauties of nature, and a free country where we can worship God as we please.

Thanksgiving is an appreciation for change of season so that we enjoy the tender green of spring's young growth; summer's growing season, blossoming in a riot of color; the full harvest in fall with rich coloring of leaves all around us; the quiet of winter.

Thanksgiving is the happiness we feel when we hear the tinkle of water rushing over its rocky bed; the wind whispering through pine boughs; the mockingbird bursting his throat from the treetop; happy laughter of children.

Thanksgiving is a lifting of grateful hearts as we see rain clouds gather, watch the first drops fall as we sniff the air of the smell of a much-needed rain.

Thanksgiving is the enjoyment of watching the antics of young animals, whether it be kittens or calves, puppies or colts, or best of all your own youngsters.

Thanksgiving is the delight we feel in a baby's grasp as he clings to an outstretched finger; the tender look in his mother's eyes as she watches him.

Thanksgiving is the pride of parents as they watch their first-born eagerly but hesitantly enter the school doors for the first time.

Thanksgiving is the feeling of security youngsters experience when parents exercise discipline instead of "making them do as they please."

Thanksgiving is the joy of a family outing in one of God's beauty spots; helping small children to appreciate beauties of nature in sea, mountain, or forest. Then the spreading of food prepared by loving hands and enjoyed because of healthy appetites and grateful hearts.

Thanksgiving is gratitude for neighbors who lovingly come to our aid in time of trouble or sorrow and who join with us in rejoicing in our happier moments.

Thanksgiving is relief of a crisis passed, whether the crisis be physical, emotional, or moral; whether it be local, national, or international in scope.

Thanksgiving is gratefulness for a night of rest after a day's work and for another day's work to do after that night's quiet rest.

Thanksgiving is exultation when at church with family and friends beside us we sing, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

Thanksgiving is saying a big "thank you* to God for all favors He has given us.

[Ed. Note: Adapted from a clipping my late wife Darlene had clipped from "The Progressive Farmer" published November 1964, and tucked into one of her beloved "Ideals Magazines."]

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

A Simple Misunderstanding

A Sunday School teacher decided to do a survey, so she handed out pencils and papers to her first grade class. She then asked them to write their name on the top of the paper and then underneath write the name of their favorite hymn. A few minutes later she collected all the papers and everyone had complied except for little Susie. With the exception of her name, she had written nothing on her paper.

Thinking that maybe she needed a little more time, the teacher gave the paper back to her. A few minutes later Susie turned in her paper again with still no hymn name. The teacher then said, "Susie, everyone else has done what I asked. Now I want you to write the name of your favorite hymn on your paper and turn it in to me." Susie then complied and handed it to her teacher. On her paper she had written "Billy, but please don't tell him." —Submitted by Denny Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

As a Christian, you are "God's advertisement." Do people want what they see in you?

The Bible's treasures are found by those who dig for them.

Deliverance from sin is the greatest of all freedoms.

Even in the bleakest times, Christians have the brightest hope.

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School





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