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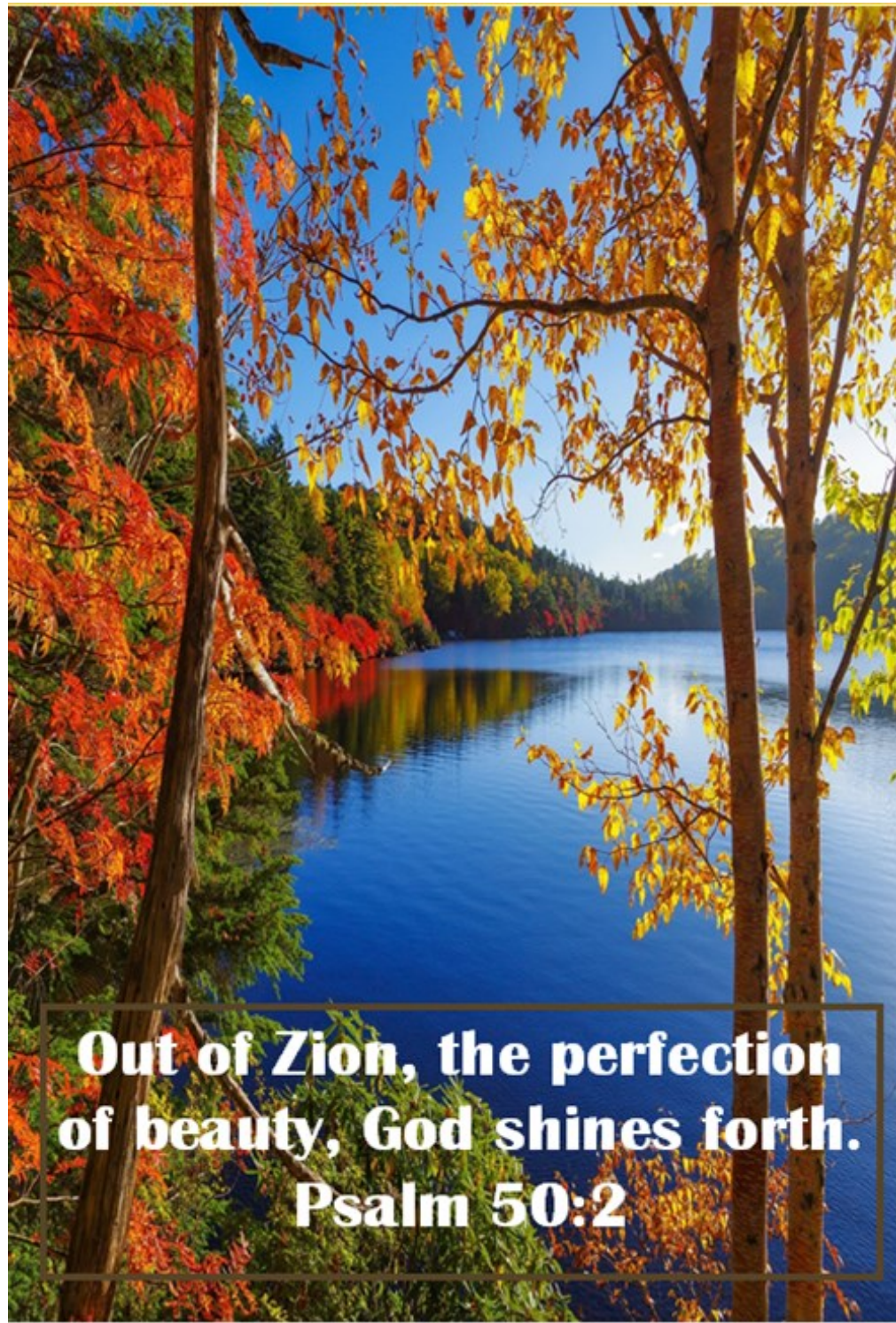
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**Out of Zion, the perfection
of beauty, God shines forth.
Psalm 50:2**

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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church Family,

When I first entered seminary, I was confronted with information that I had, up to that time, never been exposed to. In one of our required Old Testament text books, the author maintained that the first 11 chapters of Genesis were not historical. In other words, Genesis 1-11 were merely stories but not to be understood as history. Needless to say, this news resulted in several sleepless hours staring at the ceiling in my room.

I came to understand, quite frankly, that if this textbook author was correct, we have major problems because Genesis 1-11 introduces all the major doctrines of the Christian faith. In these early chapters of the Bible, we learn why we are here. We learn what marriage is; we learn who the tempter is, and we learn why the world and people are broken. We learn that a redeemer is coming and why we need Him. I could go on but I think you get the point.

After the initial shock wore off of being comforted by this new take on Genesis, I discover that many scholars and theologians did not agree with the above-mentioned textbook writer. These academics believe that Genesis 1-11 is indeed history. And that we should embrace them as such. (Jesus taught us to take Genesis as history.)

This brings me to announce an exciting opportunity that you (we) will have this month. On October 16, Keaton Halley, from Creation Ministries International, will be with us during the morning service. Their web site is creation.com. Creation ministries like this have made incredible strides in educating people in the reliability of the Genesis account and giving good reasons to believe what the Bible teaches. You will not want to miss this opportunity and you should be encouraged to invite friends and family to attend with you.

Now to another matter. As I write this, our church's new sign is partially installed. This sign will be the main communication tool that we have in our community. Yes, we have the church web site, weekly newspaper articles, radio program, and Facebook live still; however, we have found out through informal surveys that the church sign is where the majority of people learn about what's going on at Salem FBC. I think that it's appropriate that we have a dedication of the new sign in the near future—dedicating it to the glory of God.

God bless you and your family and have a good and godly day.

Grace and peace,

Andy

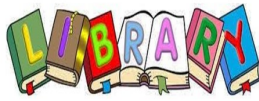
Pastor Appreciation



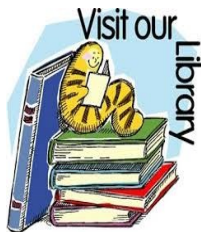
God has given us a wonderful Pastor. Come celebrate and show appreciation for him & Tara on Sunday, October 30th immediately after our Morning Worship. There will be Family lunch with more information to follow. Sign Up Sheet will be provided soon.



Library News/Trustees



Your Librarian
Sharon Dennis

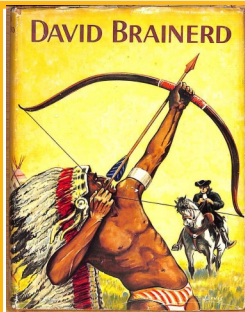
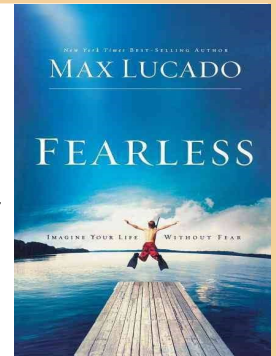


Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear.

They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word terror. Fear, it seems, has taken up a hundred-year lease on the building next door and set up shop. Oversized and rude, fear herds us into a prison of unlocked doors. Wouldn't it be great to walk out?

Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less.

Can you imagine your life without fear?



Journeys into the wilderness, over mountains and rocks, down hideous steeps, through swamps and most dreadful places . . . Against storms and winds, buffeted by contrary winds of a sick and suffering body. . . day after day, and far into the night rode this Missionary to the Indians. At night sleeping on a few green branches or a pallet of straw.

Trustees' Report for October 2022

The trustees completed the following projects in September. The new ranges have been installed in the kitchen and were immediately used. I would like to thank Emil Nattier, Tom Reed, and a couple other men for making the arrangements of unhooking and removing the commercial kitchen range. The digital sign was installed on the afternoon of September 20th. By the time you read this article, the sign should be operating with messages and displays. Pastor Dr. Andy Dewitt and the church secretary, Glenda Lipe, will be trained on how to use it. Several positive comments have already been expressed about the appearance of the sign. A thank you to Kevin Keele in helping install a magnetic white board in nursery room 113. A thank you to Anne Coats for donating a large monitor for the Senior Adults Department and to Tom and Dina Reed for installing it. A couple of metal strips were also installed on the walls in the Senior Adults Department so magnet clips could be used for hold teaching materials. LED lighting has been installed for illuminating the flagpole and the side of the educational building to replace the old lighting system. The overhang on the north exterior sanctuary doors was painted. A step stop was installed on the bell tower exterior door. A thank you to Kevin Keele for helping with this project and fixing the bell tower door lock so it will turn easier.

The trustees are receiving bids for work on the construction of a women's restroom on the lower floor of the educational building where the library is. This restroom would be the first stage of renovation. Future plans include the renovation of the present women's restroom, making it a family and handicapped restroom with a shower and baby changing table. In addition, the trustees see a need for enlarging the present men's and women's restrooms in the sanctuary foyer. I want to thank those who have responded to the trustees' request for ideas on this entire topic. The trustees have discussed all of these responses. All of the trustees' proposed plans will be brought to the church business meeting for her consideration and action.

The trustees are also working on their line items for the 2023 church budget and presented a job description for the Maintenance/Security full-time support staff position to the Personnel Committee.

Dallas Bundy
Chairman of the Trustees

Announcements/Thank You

"Trust"



*This trust is a bond
Between you and me
Strengthen our love
Deep as the sea*

*My walk is carefree
Trust lights the way
When the shadowy darkness
Enters my day*

*I pray for your kingdom on Earth
To be as in heaven*

*I walk and talk with You
Preparing for eternity
Along the path of life.*

**By
Bev Smith**

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

**This class is offered during Awana.
Space is limited, so sign up as soon as
possible.
Call the church office 548-4060.**

I See God

By Carrie Braden

*I see God in the faces of children
Who are smiling with innocent love. . .
The magnificent light of His glory
Reigns down from heaven above
I see God in the joy of my friendships
And I weep at the kindness they've shown. . .
Reflections of Christ all around me,
I know I am never alone.
I see God in the touch of creation
When the blossoms of springtime arrive. . .
The season of hope and the promise
That Jesus my Lord is alive.*

**"Rise in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of
the Lord shines upon you!" Is. 60:1**





DATE	GREETER	ON CALL	SECURITY
October 02	Greg Strother	Gary Watson	Dallas Bundy
October 09	Mike Pugh	Myron Lloyd	Jon Wieldt
October 16	Steve Smith	Tom Reed	Dale Helpingstine
October 23	Gerald Purcell	Larry Blankenship	Ronnie Donoho
October 30	Ken Smith	Rick Meador	Mike Pugh



DATE	TEACHER	LESSONS
October 02	Deanna Buerster	Bible Flix—God's story can't even be stopped by a Giant.
October 09	Deanna Buerster	Bible Flix—God brings in the hero of the story.
October 16	Deanna Buerster	Bible Flix—The story looks like it might be over.
October 23	Deanna Buerster	Bible Flix—God's story continues with you.
October 30	Deanna Buerster	Family Sunday—No Children's Church

Nursery Volunteers
(Call the church office if you would like to serve)

October 02	Wheat Jackson
October 09	Pat & Gary Hampton
October 16	Andrea Hays
October 23	Reha Lloyd
October 30	Annette Hardcastle



DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
October 02	Karen Watson	Kathy King
October 09	Dale Helpingstine	Lynette Wiedle
October 16	Connie Seymour	Judy Bundy
October 23	Rick Meador	Lynette Wiedle
October 30	Janet Smith	Lynette Wiedle



MANOR AT SALEM WOODS - 441 HOTZE RD, SALEM:
Faye Wood #204

Centralia Manor - 1910 E McCord St.
Barbara Phillips #103

Twin Willows—1600 N Broadway:
Donna Shoemaker

Odin Health and Rehab Center— 300 Green St.
Suzanne Pollard Betty Canon

Doctor's Nursing Home—1201 Hawthorn Rd.
Ila Westerman Melody Webb

Cedarhurst of Centralia—1827 E. McCord St.
Ruby Chapman

Heritage Woods—2049 E McCord St., Centralia
Mary Anne Rollinson Carrie Braden #267



Deacons Retreat Planned for October 22nd

Our Pastor and Deacons are looking forward to a Fall Retreat, Saturday, October 22, 2022, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, held in our church facility. The retreat will be led by Scott Foshie, an IBSA Team Leader - Springfield. The session for the Deacon wives, "Jesus, Sweetest Name I Know – Who Jesus Is and Why It Matters" will be led by our very own Anne Coates. As chairman of the Deacons, I ask that you join each of us in prayer as planning for the retreat continues. Col. 4:2 calls us to be devoted to prayer; that if we will obey, there are blessings that await us. Dr. Charles Stanley suggests "Pray Changes Us by spending time in His Word. It brings a transformation more in line with His thoughts. Prayer also answers our petitions, as He promises to listen and respond to the prayers of His children...that He acts when our requests are in accordance with His will. God also works through the prayers of His children to accomplish His will on earth. Prayer allows inadequate people to connect with an all-sufficient God. He knows our needs and can meet them as we depend fully on Him." And that church family is the utmost desire of the hearts of your Deacons and wives who faithfully serve our church family. I ask that you please join me as we begin praying daily for our presenters Scott, and Anne, for Pastor Andy, and for each deacon and wife as we strive to faithfully serve our church family, and our God. May this retreat be everything He desires for His children, and the Deacon ministry of Salem First Baptist Church.

Thank you for allowing us to serve!
Myron Lloyd

Women on Mission

The Illinois Baptist State Mission Offering total was \$1745.00. Our church goal is \$2000.00. Thanks again for your generous offerings!

We are hosting a "Packing Party" for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on October 3rd at 6PM. This is for the whole church, please come and join us for fun, fellowship & filling of the shoeboxes. There will be snacks provided.

We will be handing out Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on Sunday, October 16th for individuals shoeboxes. They will need to be returned no later than November 13th.

Blessings, Karen Watson





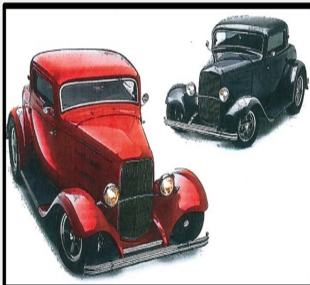
October 02 Regular Club
 October 09 Crazy Hat Night
 October 16 Regular Club
 October 23 Regular Club
 October 30 Wear Orange

5:00—7:00PM



*FOLLOWING HIM
 IN 2022*

**CARS & COFFEE
 OCTOBER 8TH
 9-NOON**



RAIN CANCELS



**Accepting
 Candy
 Now!**

Monday, October 31th
 6PM - 8PM

I'M COMMITTED TO

Meet every
 Sunday Morning
 @ 9:30 AM
 Salem First Baptist



**Learning
 Involving
 Fellowshiping
 Evangelizing**

GROUPS

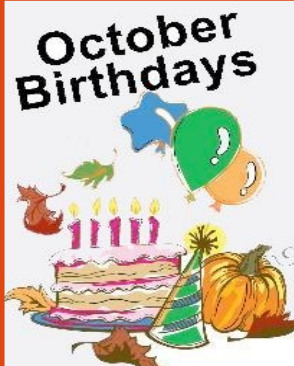
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Following Him In 2022						1
2 5PM Church Council Mtg. Awana 5-7PM	3 Prayer Mtg. 6AM Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child 6PM	4	5 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	6 Women's Inductive Bible Study 9AM/6PM class	7	8 Cars & Coffee 9-12PM
9 5PM Leadership Team Mtg. Awana 5-7PM	10 American Heritage Girls 5:30-7:30PM	11	12 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM Deacon's Mtg.	13 Women's Inductive Bible Study 9AM/6PM class	14	15
16 Keaton Halley, Creation Ministries OCC shoeboxes handed out. Awana 5-7PM	17	18	19 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	20 Women's Inductive Bible Study 9AM/6PM class	21	22 Deacon's Fall Retreat 9AM—3PM
23 Budget Mtg. at 1:30PM Awana 5-7PM	24 American Heritage Girls 5:30-7:30PM	25	26 2PM Manor @ the Woods 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	27 Women's Inductive Bible Study 9AM/6PM class	28	29
30 Pastor Appreciation Lunch Awana 5-7PM	31 Trunk or Treat 6PM-8PM	Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2				

Grant Reed
Jennifer Watson
Kayla Buerster
Ila Westerman
Jon Wieldt
Jerri Chapman
William H. Wantland
Cheryl Easley
Deborah Hays
Brenda Lingafelter
Evelyn Parker
Amy Trammel

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Judy Quick
Joann Holzhausen
Brandon Albert
Brandi Albert
John Buerster
Sharon Woodward
Larry Blankenship
Jeanna Chapman
Kerstina Tabor
Susan Salliotte
Samuel Hardcastle
Simon Hays

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Join Us . . .

Sundays

8:30 –9:20 AM

In the Fellowship Hall

We serve bagels with cream cheese, donuts, fresh fruit, coffee, juice and milk.

Our Vision

The vision of Salem First Baptist Church is to become a growing family of committed believers with an increasing

- Passion for God
- Passion for People
- Passion to Serve

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
9:00 to 4:00

**Closed 12:00 to 1:00
for lunch**

Friday 9:00–12:00

Wednesday Evening

- 4:45 PM Women’s Chronological Bible Study
- 5:30—6PM Media Center Open
- 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study
Praise Team Rehearsal
Mission Journey: Kids

Sunday Morning and Evening

- 8:30—9:20 AM Café Agape - Donuts & Coffee
- 9:00—9:30 AM Media Center Open
- 9:30 AM Life Groups for All Ages
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship
- 5:00-7:00 PM Awana

