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WE
love
BECAUSE HE
first loved
US
1 John 4:19

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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church Family,

What would it look like if a church (that is, the people that compose a church) saw its self as a missionary enterprise or movement? I imagine that the people of the church would actively search for ways to reach out to their community in order to bring the Gospel to those who had not yet experienced it. I suspect that the people of this church would not be seeking their own comfort, but for ways to bring comfort to those yet to be reached. I envision that a church with a missionary perspective would learn ways of speaking so that those yet to be reached would understand what was being said. Our Lord was, of course, is a master of this.

For example, when Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus, He spoke with him about being “born again” in John 3. Nicodemus should have understood being a teacher of the Old Testament. He should have remembered Ezekiel 36 when the prophet wrote of God giving His people a new heart and a new spirit. That God’s people would not only obey the Lord but would want to obey Him. In John 4, Jesus meets a woman of Samaria by Jacob’s well. She didn’t have the Old Testament background or knowledge of Nicodemus so Jesus did not speak of being born again. Instead, he communicated the same message but used a different image that the woman would understand. Jesus told her of “living water.” And the Lord is not done. In John 6, speaking to some of those that were part of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus didn’t speak of being “born again” nor “living water,” rather, He spoke of the “bread of life.” In all three of these encounters, Jesus told people the same message (He is the way of salvation) but used words that those to whom He spoke would understand.

A church that sees itself as having a mission to accomplish will also be sensitive to communicate in ways that others, who may be unfamiliar with Christian lingo, understand. When missionaries are deployed to the country that they are to serve, often the first two years are spent learning the language and culture. Learning the native language is essential. Otherwise, quoting from an old movie, “What we have here is a failure to communicate” (Cool Hand Luke, 1967). So, a church should also learn about the culture where it is.

Our church moto for 2023 is “Every member is a missionary at Salem FBC.” I hope that we, all of us, can learn to see ourselves as missionaries—for, indeed, that is what we are! (Matthew 28:16-20)

Grace and peace,

Andy

Associate Pastor Christopher Spenner

Greetings Church Family,

What an incredible first month this has been. While my family is still in the midst of moving all of our belongings from Florida to Illinois, the move to this church has been incredibly easy. We are encouraged every week by your concerns and comments towards us and we look forward to getting to know all of you better over the coming months.

As I began to write this article, I thought about the idea of urgency. In my family, urgency has always been kind of a joke. When I lived in Pennsylvania, we used to joke that if we made it to church five minutes late, we were on time. This was not an attitude that just extended to church, but often for other appointments as well. This was largely caused by my brothers and I having absolutely no sense of urgency ourselves. While it never caused too many issues, it was clear that if anyone besides my parents felt that urgency, we might have gotten to places on time more often. In this same sense, I feel it is important that we as a church always keep a sense of urgency.

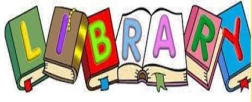
In Revelation 22:12, Jesus says "Look! I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to pay each one according to what he has done!" Jesus Himself stated that His own return was coming soon. While we may not think of almost two thousand years as soon, it is of course no time at all to God, who "...is being patient towards you because he does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9). Besides this, Jesus wanted believers to feel a sense of urgency, so they would not know exactly when his return would be and thus stall in doing the works He prepared for them.

As we remember our church motto and our call to be missionaries, we must not forget the urgency of our mission. Jesus could return tomorrow and the work of the Gospel that we left unfinished today would remain unfinished. While God can accomplish His purposes as He wishes, we must never take for granted that He has allowed us to be a part of those works. We need to be faithful in our ministry every day and do so urgently as we prepare for Jesus' return. "And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works, not abandoning our own meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and even more so because you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

In Christ,

Christopher Spenner

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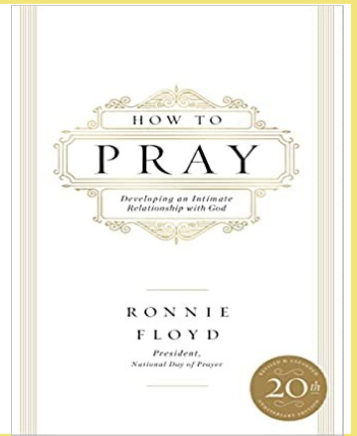


Your Librarian
Sharon Dennis



In this completely updated twentieth anniversary edition, pastor Ronnie Floyd invites believers to join him in better understanding effective prayer with a practical and helpful plan for how to pray. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned veteran in prayer, this book will meet you where you are and encourage you to move to a new level in your prayer life.

The book includes a new foreword from Dr. Floyd, the long-standing pastor of Cross Church in Northwest Arkansas and the new president for the National Day of Prayer.



The exciting sixth adventure in the Wild Brothers series reveals many changes for the Wild family. With just a few months before their return to the USA, the four brothers and their parents must say goodbye to the remote mountain tribe, and travel to coastal towns to be transported into the twenty-first century and prepare for their long trek back. This fun episode features the eldest son, Morgan learning to drive and preparing to leave the island for college. There is also a walk through a stinky open-air market, the discovery of a World War II fighter plane, a swim with a giant whale shark, and fun with the family's ever-lovable pet cuscus, Newt. Join them for the best adventure yet!

The request for needed items for Operation Christmas Child is under way. The items for February are boys and girls hats, socks and gloves. Our Awana leaders and students blessed us with toothbrushes on Sunday, January 22.

A praise concerning Operation Christmas Child gift filled boxes world wide for 2022 was 10,599,907! Each of these shoe box gifts represents a child and gospel opportunity. We are so blessed to be given this opportunity to share Christ to a lost world.

February 6th will be our next monthly meeting to fellowship, be involved in local ministries and share ideas for future mission opportunities.

*Blessings,
Karen*



Announcements/Thank You

"The Wonder of You"

We serve a risen Savior!

What a beautiful fact

In a troubled world such as ours.

We need to frequently come to God in prayer

How blessed we are with freedom of religion,

Availability of churches for services,

An excess of bibles to learn and study from

And brothers and sisters in Christ welcoming us.

We have God's promise of never leaving us,

We can call upon Him at any time with any concern.

Thank you for the opportunity of the re-birth of our

Souls made possible by Jesus Christ upon the cross.

We serve a risen savior, the wonder of you!

Read your Bible daily, even if only a paragraph,

It's God's love letter to us.

By Bev Smith



All-Knowing God

Carrie Braden

All-Knowing God who speaks to us through Your word,

We thank You for Your word that is like You: eternal, unfathomable and indispensable.

Thank You that You sent Your Son as Word incarnate so that we can live through Him.

We thank You for Your Holy Spirit that opens up Your word for us and teaches and leads us in its truth.

We thank You for entrusting Your word to writers of old and that Your Spirit inspired them to pass it on to us.

Thank you that Your Word is available in so many languages and that even little children can understand it.

We thank You for translators, printers and publisher that eternalize and distribute Your word.

Thank you that even the neediest among us can possess the Bread of life.

We praise You for Your word and it's saving power.

We thank You for preachers that help us to understand it; for Your Spirit that sees to it that the Word is a light for our path and lamp for our feet every day.

We pray this in the name of the Word incarnate. Amen



DATE	GREETER	ON CALL	SECURITY
February 05	Mike Pugh	Ronnie Donoho	Tom Reed
February 12	Myron Lloyd	Dale Helpingstine	Dallas Bundy
February 19	Rick Meador	Jon Wieldt	Gary Watson
February 26	Gerald Purcell	Ken Smith	Greg Strother



DATE	TEACHER	LESSONS
February 05	Deanna Buerster	What's In The Bible? - Israel Gets a King
February 12	Deanna Buerster	What's In The Bible? - A Nation Divided
February 19	Deanna Buerster	What's In The Bible? - Exile and Return
February 26	Deanna Buerster	Family Worship—No Children's Church



Nursery Volunteers (Call the church office if you would like to serve)	
February 05	Wheat Jackson
February 12	Pat & Gary Hampton
February 19	Andrea Hays
February 26	Reha Lloyd



DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
February 05	Karen Waston	Kathy Kling
February 12	Dale Helpingstine	Lynette Wiedle
February 19	Connie Seymour	Judy Bundy
February 26	Ken 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 Carrie Braden

Helia Health Care Center—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



CHURCH LICENSES

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

CHRISTOPHER SPENNER!



Precept Upon Precept - Women's Bible Study
John, Part 1

Thursday 9-11AM Or 6-8PM

Starting March 2nd through April 27

(material cost: \$15.75 or \$20.25, depending on which type you chose)

Orientation Class: Thurs., Feb. 23 9-10AM or 6-7PM



- February 05 Bring a Friend
- February 12 Share the love of Jesus/Bring Wash Cloths & Soap
- February 19 Family Fun Night
- February 26 Glow for JESUS/Game Night

5:00—7:00PM

Sunday Nights



*Every Member is a Missionary
@ Salem First
Ephesians 4:12*

I'M COMMITTED TO

- Learning
- Involving
- Fellowshipping
- Evangelizing

GROUPS

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



SAVE THE DATE!

VBS 2023—JULY 9-13



February

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	2 Sr. Adult Pot-luck Fellowship 11:30AM	3	4 Life Group Training 9-11AM
5 4PM Church Council Mtg. 5-7PM Awana	6 Prayer Mtg. 6AM Women on Mission 9:30AM	7	8 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM Deacon's Mtg.	9	10	11
12 4PM Leadership Team Mtg. 5-7PM Awana	13	14	15 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	16	17	18 CPR/AED training 8- Noon. Call the office to sign up. \$20 to be certificated.
19 Family Fun Night 5-7PM	20	21	22 2PM Manor @ the Woods 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	23 Precept Upon Precept Women's Bible Study Orientation 9-10AM or 6-7PM	24	25
26 5-7PM Awana	27	28	to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:12			

Wayne Howard
Luke Howard
Diana Owens
Joyce Scrivner
Roy Rodgers
Tom Gordon
Carolyn Smith
Melanie Johnson
Rick Meador
Mike Stallard
Nevaeh Hester

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February 11



Kevin Keele
Ellen Casey
Jared Runkle
Dillon Sum
Gary Hampton
Draven Sum
Bonnie Gray
Stacey Luttrell
Joan Purcell
Linda Wright
Pastor Andy DeWitt

February 11
February 12
February 12
February 12
February 16
February 23
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February 27
February 28



SALEM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

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.

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