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*Train a child  
in the way  
he should go,  
and when he is  
old he will not  
turn from it.*

PROVERBS 22:6

*Happy Father's Day*



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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

## Pastor Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church Family,

We are entering the 6<sup>th</sup> month of 2023. This is an important month for a variety of reasons. It's the month for weddings, it's the month of the beginning of summer. The temperatures rise and the days are long. It is a beautiful month!

It's also the month that the Southern Baptist Convention meets for our annual meeting. We're Baptist so there always seems to be contention or controversy brewing. This year is no exception. The convention of 2020 was expected to be contentious; however, COVID precautions kept Baptists from meeting; therefore, Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality were unchallenged. Many of us imagined that 2021 these secular theories would be dealt with but to the surprise of many (myself included) it seemed to be a vague memory that was largely ignored.

2022 SBC Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA was largely uneventful, with the exception of one notable moment. Being on the "lift coast," those in charge of the meeting on the platform broke with protocol and gave Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Community Church (a SBC church) over six minutes to address the messengers. Warren, whose church ordained three women pastors a couple of weeks before the convention, spouted all the accomplishments he and Saddleback Church had done over the thirty plus years of the church's existence. Why is this significant? This past winter Saddleback was removed from being considered a church in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention. But those startled by this action can rest assured that Saddleback has not taken this action lightly. The church has made known, as well as Rick Warren, that the church will appeal the decision of being excluded from the SBC. The Anaheim meeting also revealed that some Southern Baptists are not sure what a "pastor" is. Our culture doesn't seem to know how to define "woman," so some Baptist struggle with defining "pastor."

During the second week of June, the SBC is meeting again—this time in New Orleans. What might happen in addition to Saddleback's appeal? There are several possible controversies that may arise. Among them will surely be whether women can be affirmed as pastors and exercise spiritual authority over men (which the New Testament forbids, 1 Timothy 2:12). Another issue that is likely to emerge is LGBTQA+ issue. I'm not overstating the case to say that either issue or both has the potential to split the Southern Baptist Convention.

*With this in view, I encourage you to keep the SBC Annual Meeting in your prayers. Pray for God's glory to be displayed before a watching world. Will Baptists remain faithful to God and His word or will the pressure from our culture to conform win the day? I don't know.*

*<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, although I was eager to write you about the salvation we share, I found it necessary to write, appealing to you to contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all (Jude 3).*

Grace and peace,

Andy

## Associate Pastor Christopher Spenner

Have you ever considered the effect a good story has on your life? We are exposed to stories all the time. There are always new movies in the theater, new bestsellers being published, and new plays being performed. Our culture is steeped in stories. Even the news is filled with “stories,” as reporters attempt to spin the facts into conflicts between various forces. What we often fail to realize is how much these various stories impact our lives and the choices we make.

Think specifically about the last movie you watched or the last book you read. What values drove the main character? What goal were they trying to accomplish? Was the goal a good one or a bad one? Our society is using stories to push their values onto the young and impressionable. They make many claims, but the most dangerous of these claims is that you should “follow your heart.” While on the surface this sounds sweet and innocent, this is a very dangerous path to follow. The Bible warns in Jeremiah 17:9 that, “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick. Who can understand it?” It also warns in Proverbs 14:12 that, “There is a way which seems right to a person, but its end is the way of death.” These are dire warnings about following what we think is right in our own eyes.

I am not advocating to stop watching all movies or to stop reading all non-Christian books of course, but it is important to be aware of the lessons you are being taught, possibly without realizing it. Everything must always be tested against God’s Word. Of course, the Bible itself is the greatest source of historical accounts or “stories” that we have. We should always be reminding ourselves of the great things God has done through His people in the past. We should be inspired and prayerful that He will use us to accomplish great things for Him in our own time.

Some people have said that History is really “His Story” and that seems to be an accurate description of all that has transpired on Earth so far. Let’s go forward into the summer making an effort to tell our stories well, with a focus on how great our God truly is.

In Christ,  
Christopher Spenner

## Women on Mission

*Women on mission will not be meeting in June or July. Our Mother's Day offering exceeded our goal. Thank you for giving.*

*Our Operation Christmas Children items for June are sun glasses, children and young adult costume jewelry.*

*Blessings,  
Karen*



Carter Carroll

Elias Quandt

Esme` Findley

Henley Smith

Lynox Tolka

Marlee Donoho

Mays Mosbarger

Ronan Hall



## Announcements/Thank You

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

*A righteous man who walks  
in his integrity - how blessed  
are his sons after him.*

PROVERBS 20:7

*God Divine*

*The more I look*

*The more I find*

*The wondrous works of God divine*

*The twinkling stars to show the way*

*Until the breaking of each day*

*The sun that shines so warm and  
bright*

*Purple hues of a pale moonlight*

*Streams ring forth their cheerful  
sounds*

*Beside them daffodils abound*

*To count these gifts from God's great  
court*

*Ten times ten million would still be  
short!*

*By: Carrie Braden*



Thru The Eyes of My Heart

I see you

Thru the eyes of my heart.

Your perfection,  
Your constant love of mankind

I pray to deepen

My faith and trust

As I forge ahead to you,

My goal

I am filled with many questions

As I seek you every day

How wonderful, your presence, your  
peace,

My precious master.

Thru the eyes of my heart

I make my home with you

I love the comfort,

My future assured and sealed

One day, when life on Earth is over,  
my questions will be answered,

My soul at rest.

Our eyes will meet,

My new heart will be ecstatic!

By: Bev Smith



DATE	GREETER	ON CALL	SECURITY
June 04	Tom Reed	Greg Strother	Dale Helpingstine
June 11	Ronnie Donoho	Steve Smith	Myron Lloyd
June 18	Rick Meador	Gerald Purcell	Dallas Bundy
June 25	Steve Smith	Rick Meador	Mike Pugh



DATE	TEACHER	LESSONS
June 05	Deanna Buerster	Paws & Tales—A Race Against Time
June 11	Deanna Buerster	Paws & Tales—True Riches
June 18		Family Worship—No Children's Church
June 25	Deanna Buerster	Paws & Tales—The Gift



Nursery Volunteers (Call the church office if you would like to serve)	
June 04	Dina Reed
June 11	Wheat Jackson
June 18	Pat & Gary Hampton
June 25	Andrea Hays



DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
June 04	Karen Watson	Kathy King
June 11	Christophe Spenner	Lynette Wiedle
June 18	Connie Seymour	Judy Bundy
June 25	Ken Smith	Lynette Wiedle

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

**Twin Willows—1600 N Broadway:**  
Donna Shoemaker

**Helia Health Care Center—1201 Hawthorn Rd.**  
Ila Westerman Melody Webb

**Heritage Woods—2049 E McCord St., Centralia**  
Mary Anne Rollinson

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

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

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



## Trustees' Report

During the month of April and May the following projects were approved and completed. The completion of the new library / welcome center from the old location to the new location is done. A special thank you to all those that have been involved from beginning to completion. The new library / welcome center turned out great and your hard work was greatly appreciated.

The construction of the new ladies restroom has started. We hope to have it completed by early August.

The refrigerator was replaced in the kitchen, all cooling units have been serviced and in working order. The church bus has been repaired from the accident that happened in February and some landscaping projects have been completed also.

Last but not least a big thank you to all those who have volunteered to help keep the church maintained while we search for a new custodian. We hope to have someone in place by first of June. We are also still searching for a part-time maintenance / security person for the church. Keep praying GOD will provide us with that person.

Gary Hampton  
Chairman of Trustees'

Dear Church Family,

I am happy to tell you that our library is up and running again! It took a lot of work by many, many people working in both the new and old library to make this project happen before the deadline; but we made it! I am forever grateful to each one of these volunteers!

The leftover books which no one selected for their own library will still find new homes. They will be distributed by our KBA director, Mike Hall, to people and places here and there to help other ministries.

I was amazed at (as well as disappointed in myself for not having checked out) the wonderful selection of books Mrs. Sharon has collected over her seventeen years of service as our church librarian. Don't be like me! She has been a dedicated volunteer and has certainly left huge shoes for me to fill. She and I will continue to work together to keep the excellent level of books available for our church family. (Shhh...I haven't told her that part yet ...)

So, please stop in and find a book to read. If you like it and want to recommend it, we can share that in a future newsletter. Sophie Probin was the first to check out a book. Let's not let her get too far ahead of us! Looking forward to seeing your library cards soon!

Maranatha!  
Dina





# Esther

*Women's Inductive Bible Study*

*Date: June 1, 8, 15, & 22*

*Times: 9-11am or 6-8pm*

*Salem First Baptist - south office entrance*

*... for such a time as this.*

# Senior Adults



DISMISSED  
FOR THE  
SUMMER

EVERY MEMBER IS A  
MISSIONARY  
@ SALEM FIRST  
EPHESIANS 4:12

## 2023 Throwback Thursday Cruise Nights

*Celebrating All Types of Classic Cars and Trucks*

Salem  
First Baptist Church  
721 West Main St.  
Salem, IL

Dates

- May 18<sup>th</sup>
- June 15<sup>th</sup>
- July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Aug 17<sup>th</sup>
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup>



Times: 6:00-8:00 PM



### VBS NEWS

VBS meeting on  
June 28th @ 7PM

We need large coffee cans. Please and Thank You.



VBS 2023—JULY 9-13







2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:12</p>				1 Women's Inductive Bible Study ~ Esther 9AM or 6PM	2	3
4 Lord's Supper  5PM Church Council Mtg. AHG/Father & Daughter 2-5PM	5 Prayer Mtg. 6AM	6	7 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	8 Women's Inductive Bible Study ~ Esther 9AM or 6PM	9	10
11 5PM Leadership Team	12  American Heritage Girls 5:30-7:30PM	13	14 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM Deacon's Mtg.	15 Women's Inductive Bible Study ~ Esther 9AM or 6PM Throwback Thursday Cruise-In 6-8PM	16	17
18 	19	20	21 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	22 Women's Inductive Bible Study ~ Esther 9AM or 6PM	23  Savage/Bachman	24  Wedding 
25 Law Enforcement & First Responders Appreciation Day	26  American Heritage Girls 5:30-7:30PM	27	28 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal 2PM Manor @ Salem Woods 7PM VBS Mtg.	29	30	

Kristen McMahon  
Jonathan Stallard  
Kaiden Ortiz  
Doris Powell  
Bill Dennis  
Faye Wood  
Isaak Hays

June 01  
June 05  
June 06  
June 06  
June 12  
June 12  
June 13



Matthew Carrigan  
Sarah Oziemkiewicz  
Michael Brooks  
Beryl Jett  
Ruby Chapman  
Anthony Purcell  
Dorothy Pollard

June 14  
June 15  
June 19  
June 21  
June 25  
June 29  
June 30



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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  
 Youth Bible Study  
 Praise Team Rehearsal  
 Mission Journey: Kids

**Sunday Morning**

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