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## FATHER'S DAY

*Praise ye the  
LORD. Blessed is  
the man that  
feareth the  
LORD, that  
delighteth  
greatly in this  
commandments.*

*Psalm 112:1*

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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

## Pastor Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church:

There is a unique statement inscribed on the church that hosted the gathering that established the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. "In 1845, in the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia, the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. As a tribute to the faith of the founding fathers, the church placed this inscription in the building: 'Men who see the invisible, hear the inaudible, believe the incredible, and think the unthinkable!'"

That's quite a list! Many of us cannot be remembered this way. The reason is because we notice the obstacles and don't see the possibilities. As someone said,

Napoleon saw Italy, but not the Alps. He had an objective and knew where he was going. Washington saw the Hessians at Trenton. A man of smaller stature would have seen the Delaware choked with ice.

The majority see the obstacles; the few see the objectives; history records the successes of the former while oblivion is the reward of the latter.

If you knew that your prayers, no matter how incredible that they might be, would be answered, what would you pray? Have you ever thought something like this? If you are like most people, perhaps most Christians, you've not. It is so easy to fall into a rut of praying often-repeated prayers over and over. You know, those kinds of prayers that you can say without really thinking about them. There is a prayer prayed by the fiery Scottish preacher that is his most remembered prayer. John Knox prayed with deep conviction and emotion "Give me Scotland or I Die!" I wonder if you or I have ever prayed such a prayer?

As with the examples above, there are those who see what no one else sees or prays with an intensity that few ever do that God is most pleased with, at least, that is way it seems. What was it that prompted the men meeting in Augusta to see what they saw? What drove Knox to pray such a passionate prayer for his country? I'm not going to offer my answer, but I would like for you to answer it. What do you think?

I'll conclude with the simple story of a shoe salesman that had the ability to see the possibilities that others did not.

Perhaps you heard about the Yankee shoe salesman who went to Africa and wired his manufacturer, "I want to come home. Nobody wears shoes in this part of Africa." So they brought him home and sent another salesman who shipped back order after order. He wrote the home office, "Everybody here needs shoes!"

God bless you All,

Andy

## Associate Pastor Christopher Spenner

How important is your father to you? Throughout most of our history, the answer of most people would be “very important.” However, in our current culture, fatherhood has been diminished. In 2022 a study reported that about one in four children across America live in a home without a father. With about half of all marriages ending in divorce, you would expect single parent households to skew evenly between mothers and fathers but somehow an incredible 80% of all single parent homes are led by a mother. While the importance of mothers cannot be overstated, the lack of a father figure leads to multiple problems in growing and impressionable children.

According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, children without fathers are more likely to have behavioral problems, more likely to go to prison, more likely to become pregnant as teens, more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, and more likely to drop out of school. We have seen the evidence of this firsthand in our culture. Children today are worse behaved, more antagonistic, and more promiscuous than ever before. They often have unlimited access to the internet as well, forcing them to grow up far faster than normal.

God places a premium on fatherly leadership. In the early chapters of the book of Proverbs, the book is written from the perspective of a father to his son. He urges his son to follow his advice and seek after wisdom. God has given an incredible responsibility to fathers to teach their children about His Word. Many today think that the responsibility of teaching children about the Bible lies with their Sunday School teachers or the pastor. But God always looks to fathers first to lead the home in spiritual matters.

So what do you do when you have a situation where no father is present? Thankfully, God always provides a solution for when sin messes up the world. In the book of 1 John we read, “See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and in fact we are. For this reason the world does not know us: because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is” (1 John 3:1-2). God is a perfect Father to us and through His Son has given us the right to be Children of God. He cares for us and provides for us like no earthly father could ever do. Furthermore, he has given us the church, which was specifically charged to care for widows and orphans as a priority. Why? Because God wants to provide these vulnerable individuals with men and women who will step up and provide for them.

It is comforting to know that God cares for us so deeply. Do we remember to thank Him for His constant love and care for us? Many people this month will forget to call their fathers here on earth and thank them for what they have done. Many who have bad relationships with their fathers will not want to speak to them out of fear of being hurt. Those without fathers may feel a sense of loneliness when Father’s Day comes around. With this in mind, let’s be sure to offer thanks to our Heavenly Father for all that He does for us, even the things that we do not see. And let’s be diligent in introducing Him to those who do not yet know Him.

## Women on Mission/Library

Even though we aren't meeting in June and July, we still are ministering to others around us! We provided cookies and punch for the graduation celebration of the two classes of ROE Preschool which meet at SFBC.

We have many opportunities in which we can minister. The Ministerial Alliance ask that we participate again each month donating food for the Salem Food Pantry. The items suggested for each month are listed on the grocery cart in the hallway.

Also, we continue to donate men's clothing to assist men in having appropriate clothing to wear in interviewing for jobs after being released from prison. A basket is provided in hallway for this ministry.

Don't forget to check each month for the items needed for Operation Christmas Child. Our June needs are sun glasses, children and youth jewelry, band-aids, and personal size Kleenex.

And last but not least, will be our annual Baby Bottle Offering in June! This offering assists in the ministry of our local Pregnancy Care Clinic.

Blessings, Karen



### Can you name these fathers from the Bible?

(Answers next month)

1. A father whose rash vow cost the life of his precious daughter.
2. A father who was ready to offer his son as a sacrifice in obedience to God's command.
3. Name the father of Moses. Do you think he knew of his wife's plan to save Baby Moses?
4. How did Jacob's partial love for Joseph lead to suffering for his son?
5. Who was the father of Jacob and Esau? Was he a wise father?
6. Name the father of Samuel. Why do you think he was a good man?
7. Who was Abraham's father? Do you think he taught his son to worship Jehovah?
8. Name a son of Jonathan who was befriended by King David.
9. Who was Rehoboam's father? Was he a wise man in his last days? What drew his heart away from God?

Happy Father's Day to every dad, grandpa, great-grandpa and great-great grandpa in our church family!! God bless you as you point your families to the Lord by living a life pleasing to Him, setting an example that encourages your family to follow in your footsteps.

We have some great books in our library to help you do that!

- \* The 7 Secrets of Effective Fathers by Ken Canfield 306.87 Can
- \* She Calls Me Daddy by Robert Wolgemuth 307.87
- \* Raising Dad by Thomas S. Rainer & Art Rainer 306.8 Rai

Happy June!  
Dina

## Announcements/Thank You

*The Daniels family would like to thank our church family for all the expression of sympathy in the loss of our son, Rick. Please continue to pray for us*

*Carol & Richard*



There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Wendell Miller on Monday evening, July 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at Salem First Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Since Wendell was a veteran, the American Legion will honor him for his military service in World War II with a 21-gun salute and a flag presentation.



**JULY 7-10TH**

**UBS 2024**

**Ages 4 yrs. - finished 6th**

**6:00-8:00PM**



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers during the loss of my mother. She would feel so blessed to know you all cared so much. Mother loved GOD and was looking forward to spending time in His presence. I am sure she is overwhelmed with everything.

Thank you for the gift to the Children's Home, she would have liked that very much.

Gary & Pat Hampton



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

TRAIN A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT TURN FROM IT.

PROVERBS 22:6





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



DATE	TEACHER	LESSONS
June 02		
June 09		
June 16		
June 23		
June 30		

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



June 02	Sheri Peradotti
June 09	Janet Smith
June 16	Dina Reed
June 23	Nancy Stallard
June 30	Wheat Jackson



DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
June 02	Mike & Angela Brooks	Kathy King
June 09	Christopher Spenner	Lynette Wiedle
June 16	Connie Seymour	Judy Bundy
June 23	Ken Smith	Lynette Wiedle
June 30	Mike & Angela Brooks	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

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

**Heritage Woods—2049 E. McCord, Centralia**  
Carrie Braden



*The Family of  
Faye Wood*



*Invite you to join with  
them in the Celebration of  
her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
1pm-3pm  
at Salem FBC*

*(please no gifts - cards only)*



Salem Ministerial Alliance is needing volunteers at the Food Pantry. Several opportunities are available. Please see all details on the bulletin board.

Training will be provided to all volunteers. Please contact the church office and provide your name and contact information, if you are willing to help. We thank you for your continued support. The Food Pantry would not exist if it were not for the volunteers and donations to Ministerial Alliance.

## Happy Father's Day

Blessed is the man who  
trusts in the LORD.

— Jeremiah 17:7



## Trustee Ministry

Our Trustees have been kept busy since Spring with an indoor work day cleaning our facilities, seeing the furnace and AC are working properly and the men's restroom on both levels are updated. The new projector system ordered has been installed, helping quality with our worship services. Trumbo Outdoor Services are doing a great job with mowing and trimming. The shrubbery will be the next effort done at the appropriate time. Also, thanks to several of our ladies for re-trimming in between mowing and planting the pots at the office entrance. It 's a honor to serve our Lord. I Peter 1:15-16 teaches us "We make God happy when we take care of everything He gives us. Then we show what it means to live a holy life."



**THANK YOU  
DEANNA FOR  
FOURTEEN  
YEARS OF  
SERVING THE  
CHILDREN AT  
SALEM FBC!**



June 2024

Date	Verses	Date	Verses
☐ 06/01/24	Job 5-7	☐ 06/17/24	Psalms 26-31
☐ 06/02/24	Job 8-10	☐ 06/18/24	Psalms 32-35
☐ 06/03/24	Job 11-13	☐ 06/19/24	Psalms 36-39
☐ 06/04/24	Job 14-16	☐ 06/20/24	Psalms 40-45
☐ 06/05/24	Job 17-20	☐ 06/21/24	Psalms 46-50
☐ 06/06/24	Job 21-23	☐ 06/22/24	Psalms 51-57
☐ 06/07/24	Job 24-28	☐ 06/23/24	Psalms 58-65
☐ 06/08/24	Job 29-31	☐ 06/24/24	Psalms 66-69
☐ 06/09/24	Job 32-34	☐ 06/25/24	Psalms 70-73
☐ 06/10/24	Job 35-37	☐ 06/26/24	Psalms 74-77
☐ 06/11/24	Job 38-39	☐ 06/27/24	Psalms 78-79
☐ 06/12/24	Job 40-42	☐ 06/28/24	Psalms 80-85
☐ 06/13/24	Psalms 1-8	☐ 06/29/24	Psalms 86-89
☐ 06/14/24	Psalms 9-16	☐ 06/30/24	Psalms 90-95
☐ 06/15/24	Psalms 17-20		
☐ 06/16/24	Psalms 21-25		

## 2024 Throwback Thursday



Dates

- May 16<sup>th</sup>
- June 20<sup>th</sup>
- July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Aug 22<sup>th</sup>
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>



Times: 6:00-8:00 PM

*"Celebrating all classic cars and trucks"*




Contact: Dale Helpingstine 618-322-7123

*This event is open to all classic cars, trucks, muscle cars, hotrods and antique vehicles. Just bring your car, lawn chair and enjoy the evening. Please No Alcohol on Church property.*



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p><b>“Being the Church in Salem and to the nations”</b></p>				<p><b>1</b> Family Fun Day in the Park 10-2PM</p>
<p><b>2</b> 6PM Church Council</p>	<p><b>3</b> Prayer Meeting 6AM Hungry Hearts</p>	<p><b>4</b> Hungry Hearts</p>	<p><b>5</b> Hungry Hearts 5:30 Youth Table Painting 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>6</b> Hungry Hearts</p>	<p><b>7</b> Hungry Hearts</p>	<p><b>8</b> Faye Wood's 100th Birthday Open House 1-3PM Youth Girl's Day 1-5PM</p>
<p><b>9</b> 6PM Leadership Team</p>	<p><b>10</b> AHG/TL 5:30PM</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM Deacon's Mtg.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 2 PM Manor @ Salem Woods 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b> 5:30-8PM Youth Girl's Night  Throwback Thursday 6-8PM</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>28</b>  <b>30</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> AHG/TL 5:30PM</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>

Kristen McMahon  
Jonathan Stallard  
Emma Jones  
Doris Powell  
Reed Thompson  
James Keele  
Bill Dennis  
Faye Wood  
Isaak Hays  
Matthew Carrigan

June 01  
June 05  
June 06  
June 06  
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June 10  
June 12  
June 12  
June 13  
June 14



Sarah Oziemkiewicz  
Nathalee Shults  
Shade Woodward  
Linda Thompson  
Michael Brooks  
Emily Smith-Harris  
Beryl Jett  
Anthony Purcell  
Bob Ward

June 15  
June 17  
June 17  
June 18  
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June 21  
June 29  
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**OUR VISION**  
**“BEING THE CHURCH IN SALEM**  
**TO THE NATIONS”**

**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**

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