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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Cor. 5:17

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. This is something that I've been thinking about. Perhaps the following is beneficial when considering being a mission-minded people. I'm borrowing the following from a recent article written by Cara Meredith titled, "7 Things that Will Keep Me from Coming Back to Your Church." I'm borrowing the "things" but adding my own commentary.

1. Refuse to see me. When a guest visit one of our services and he/she are not welcomed or spoken with, he/she may assume that they're not wanted. Have you ever been ignored? Then you know what this feels like.
2. Don't offer me a smile. Being approached by a smiling person makes an awkward moment much easier. A first-time visitor may be a bit anxious in a new place around unfamiliar people. Smile!
3. Neglect offering me help. Those of you reading this are comfortable and familiar with the church building. But for a visitor—everything is new. She doesn't know where to go, where the bathrooms are, etc. You can always ask an unfamiliar face, "Can I help you?"
4. Abstain from introducing yourself to me. Before you ask his name, say something like, "Hi, I'm (and your name). This is proper. If you want her name, offer yours first.
5. Forget that I'm a person who wants to be known, just like you. A few questions about him can go a long way. "Is this your first time with us?" "Are you new in the community?" Etc.
6. Ignore my boundaries. I know I just mentioned that your should ask a few questions to get to know the person. However, it's also important to respect boundaries. Have you ever spoken with a person who stands too close to you? Be aware that she (visitor) may be shy—so don't force the conversation. But you can offer to help if he needs it.
7. Forget my name. If you are like me, names are hard to remember. I have mix up my own children's names so the name of a visitor in church is especially challenging.

I think that Jesus gave us a good rule to follow; perhaps a Golden Rule is a better term.

12 "Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

Grace and peace,

Andy

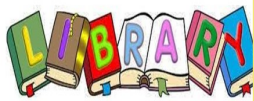
Associate Pastor Christopher Spenner

Are you prepared for disaster? When people are aware of an oncoming blizzard or storm, many will make extra trips to the grocery store in order to stock up on essentials. There is a healthy fear that if they are not fully stocked, they might go a long time without access to their usual comforts. This attitude of preparedness has led to the formation of groups dedicated to surviving any possible disaster. These “doomsday preppers” are characterized by building elaborate bunkers and storing canned food and military MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) that would theoretically last decades. Such is their fear about the state of the world that they are willing to spend thousands of dollars to ensure their survival after what they perceive to be an inevitable apocalypse.

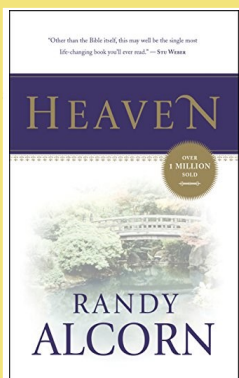
It is easy to laugh at such over-preparedness, or at the very least to wonder what help this preparation really would amount to in a time of true crisis. However, there is a very real application for believers in this mindset. In the same way these people spend time and money preparing for a hostile environment, we too must spend our time preparing for a hostile world. Jesus promised in John 15:18 that “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you.” In addition, 1 Peter 3:15 tells us to “...sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect.”

How do we create these defenses against a hostile world? One way is through constant study of God’s Word. Knowing what is in the Bible gives us a natural advantage when we are asked about accounts in the Bible. In addition, we need to study answers to the most difficult questions of our faith which are sure to come at us not from our most determined opponents but from friends and family. “Why does God allow suffering? Who created God? Is it really true that God created everything in just six days?” These are questions I myself have been asked versions of by people as young as nine years old. Now, more than ever, it is vital that we know what we believe and why we believe it

Library News/Trustees



Your Librarian
Sharon Dennis



We all have questions about what Heaven will be like, and after twenty-five years of extensive research, Dr. Randy Alcorn has the answers.

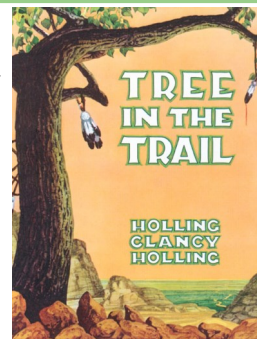
In the most comprehensive and definitive book on Heaven to date, Randy invites you to picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it—a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ's presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it.

This is a book about real people with real bodies enjoying close relationships with God and each other, eating, drinking, working, playing, traveling, worshipping, and discovering on a New Earth. Earth as God created it. Earth as he intended it to be.

The next time you hear someone say, "We can't begin to image what Heaven will be like," you'll be able to tell them, "I can."



The book tells the story of a lone cottonwood tree encountered as a sapling by a Kansa Indian boy in 1610, on what became the Santa Fe Trail, and the events that passed by the tree: buffalo migrations, warring tribes, the coming of the Spaniards, French trappers, and trade caravans on the Trail. Eventually the tree dies and is made into an ox-yoke and travels down the Trail itself in 1834 to Santa Fe, New Mexico.



Our February 6th meeting was a huge blessing to those attending! The ladies discussed future opportunities for local ministries. They also had a special time of prayer for one of the ladies attending that will be receiving treatment for cancer.

Three mission activities were provided and completed.

Items for Operation Christmas Child for the month of March are, children and young adult shirts, underwear, flip flops and shoes that will fit into the boxes.

Our next time of fellowship and ministry will be on Monday, March 6th at 9:30AM. All Ladies are welcome to join us!

A big thank you to our Awana leaders and families for the abundance of wash cloths and soap.

*Blessings,
Karen*



Announcements/Thank You



Just a Reminder!

We have emergency kits in the front foyer in the closet and in the hallway just outside the Fellowship Hall. They are both equipped with automatic blood pressure machines.

"What Would Jesus Do?"

*Making daily choices in our life
is part of Christian living.*

*We have someone who cares so much
about us,
He gave His life for us on a cross.*

*Take everything to your Savior in prayer.
Everything.*

*Scripture reveals to me His ways.
Gentleness, calmness, a quite demeanor.
I admire that and would love for myself
more of His traits.*

*I need to search my soul and ask the
question more often;*

What would Jesus do?

He's there waiting for me.

By Bev Smith



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Meet @ Salem First Baptist Church twice
a month on Mondays. For more
information call the MIRANDA DENNIS.
(618-322-2975)



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



DATE	TEACHER	LESSONS
March 05	Deanna Buerster	What's In The Bible? - Words, to make us wise
March 12	Deanna Buerster	What's In The Bible? - God Speaks
March 19	Deanna Buerster	What's In The Bible? - Jesus is the Good News
March 26	Deanna Buerster	Family Worship—No Children's Church



Nursery Volunteers (Call the church office if you would like to serve)	
March 05	Annette Hardcastle
March 12	Sheri Peradotti
March 19	Janet Smith
March 26	Dina Reed



DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
March 05	Ken Smith	Lynette Wiedle
March 12	Angela Brooks	Kathy King
March 19	Mark Tabor	Lynette Wiedle
March 26	Pastor's Class	Judy Bundy

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



WISDOM OF THE HARVEST

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.” James 3:17-18

We wish to seek to be righteous as Jesus was the ultimate Righteous One. We pray for His help and guidance. Emphasis, as announced in deacons meetings for this year is three fold:

- Prayer
- Pray for Revival
- Commitment

If we all consider and act daily upon these things the Lord can make an impact on us, our Church, our families, and our surroundings. Let's sow in peace to be harvesting His rightness. “If any lacks wisdom, they should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to them.” James 1:5

Sincere Thanks, and God Bless

Deacon Greg



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

Stop by the Missionary Board in the main hallway! You can see the missionaries we support and where they are located and their special prayer needs. What a privilege to be a part

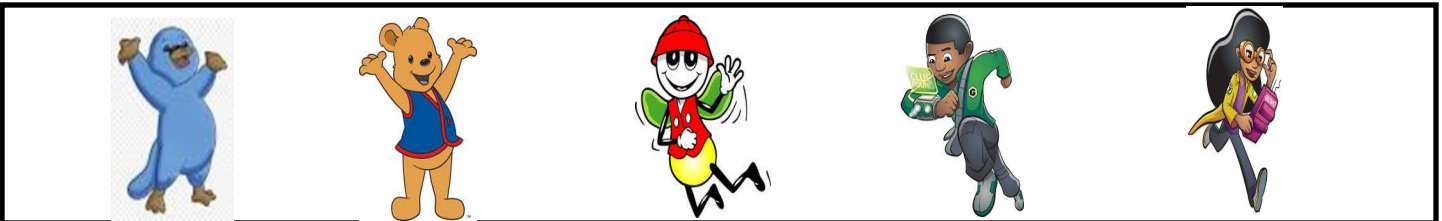
God's Work! A special thank you to Tom and Dina Reed, Candace Howard and Karen Watson for making and putting it all together! To God Be the Glory!



- March 05 Bring a Friend
- March 12 Wear Green “St. Patrick’s Day”
- March 19 Camo/Nerf Game Night
- March 26 Baseball Team/Wiffleball Night

5:00—7:00PM

Sunday Nights



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

NEWS FROM IBSA

According to our year-end 2022 records, Salem First Baptist was number 24 among more than 900 Illinois Baptist State Association Churches in total Cooperative Program giving. Thank you so much for your church’s generous heart for the Great Commission.

SAVE THE DATE!
VBS 2023—JULY 9-13





2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:12			1 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	2 Women's Bible Study 9-11AM or 6-8PM 1130—Sr Adult Poluck Serve @ Food Pantry	3	4
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 Precept Upon Precept Women's Bible Study 9-11AM or 6-8PM	10	11
12 4PM Leadership Team Mtg. 5-7PM Awana	13 American Heritage Girls 5:30-7:30PM	14	15 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	16 Precept Upon Precept Women's Bible Study 9-11AM or 6-8PM Serve @ Food Pantry	17	18
19 Awana 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 9-11AM or 6-8PM	24	25
26 5-7PM Awana	27 American Heritage Girls 5:30-7:30PM	28	29 6PM Bible Study Mission Journey: Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	30 Precept Upon Precept Women's Bible Study 9-11AM or 6-8PM	31	

Mary Kneemyer
Robbie Petrea
Verna Piper
Jo Stallings
Ron King
Helen Jett
Patricia Crippen
Lynette Wiedle
Gerald Purcell
Lucille Mills
Sandy Hicks
Rose Ann Fulkerson

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Barbara Wells
Steve Brubaker
Jeremiah Vermaas
Melody Webb
Rylan Chancellor
George Kruse
Susan Beasley
Daniel Luttrell
Bryan Hampton
Sharon Dennis
Bethany Quandt
Ivan Quandt

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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

