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**Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105**

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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church:

The Apostle Paul warns: “ But know this, that in the last days ^[a]perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, ^[b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

Every generation is able to apply these words to their times; our generation certainly can, too! As we survey our day, the world is growing in hostilities; wars and conflicts are on almost every continent. In our own nation, the southern border is a growing concern. How can we, as a nation, care for the multitudes that are crossing the border every day? It is becoming acceptable to terminate the life of the preborn even in the third trimester. In Minnesota, it is permissible to allow a baby born alive after an abortion attempt to die. And the “trans” movement--males in female sports; the growth in the number of nontraditional families, grandparents raising grandchildren, etc.

There is a concerted effort to make Orwell’s *1984* a reality. So, what can we expect. Again, Paul writes,

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness^[a] is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4).

This has long been understood as the Antichrist who will one day rule the world. Therefore, the desires of many today to move to a one-world government could be setting the stage for such a man to ascent to dominate the world. Are we close to this occurring? Perhaps, perhaps not. I’m not a prophet (Amos 7:14), nor pretending to be a prophet. Nevertheless, it does appear that that the fig tree is budding (Matthew 24:32). With this said, this is a glorious time to serve Christ. As we move closer to 2025, perhaps we should embrace the motto: “Praying and obeying in 2025.” Be reminded of the hymn lyric, “serve the Lord with gladness. . .” This is a great time; especially so if we are close to “the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him.”

Grace and peace,
Andy



Associate Pastor Christopher Spenner

We are once again at the time of year when people will be walking around in all kinds of costumes. It's interesting to look at the history of why people wear various costumes. In the beginning, they started out as disguises, meant to protect people from evil spirits that would apparently be unable to see through them. Over time, these shifted to the point where now people tend to dress up as characters they find interesting. The point of a disguise hardly makes sense in our modern culture where the supernatural is dismissed, but in a lot of ways disguises are more common than ever.

We are constantly engaged in spiritual warfare. In warfare, disguises are essential for espionage roles. A spy without a convincing disguise or properly falsified information is absolutely useless. In the same way, our spiritual enemy uses spies all the time to infiltrate and sabotage the Church of Jesus. We must be diligent in seeking them out and exposing them.

The most common spies the enemy uses are false teachers. The Bible mentions a group of believers in the book of Acts who had a sure-fire way of rooting out any false teaching they might have been exposed to. These are the Bereans, and in Acts 17:11 they are recorded as "...more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so." Their method was to compare everything they heard against the Scriptures they had in order to ensure they were not being led astray.

We are surrounded by false teachers today. So many of our Christian books could be easily classified as self-help books instead of books meant to help us grow in our spiritual walks. False teachers make us so concerned that we are living our best lives now on earth that we forgot about working towards our best lives to come in heaven.

We live in a world that has completely fallen for these disguises and is so infatuated with this false teaching that given the option to turn towards actual life-changing saving faith in Christ, they do not want it. Jesus warned us in John 3:19 that "...people loved the darkness rather than the Light; for their deeds were evil." We must be willing to show the light to those stuck in darkness and pray that God will work in their hearts to accept it.

Never take any teacher at their word. Always compare what is being taught to what the Scripture teaches. Always be willing to question an authority, as they may be trying to trick or manipulate you. As Jesus instructed in Matthew 10:16, "be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves." Ask questions not to provoke, but to expose faulty worldviews. Train yourself through careful reading and even memorization of the Scriptures so that you will be ready when the time comes. Go out with the intent to remove the disguises that the enemy loves to use against the Church.



Women on Mission/Library

Our September meeting was one of great fellowship, prayer and preparing items for our Operation Christmas Child Packing Party that is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th at 6PM. We also prepared Blessing Bags to be given to individuals visiting our church requesting immediate assistance. These bags include toiletry items and ready to eat food.

Thanks to all who have given toward our Illinois Baptist State Offering.

On Sunday, October 20th the Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available for those individuals desiring to pack their own. These boxes will be due back on Sunday, November 17th.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, October 7th at 9:30 in the fellowship hall.

Blessings, Karen



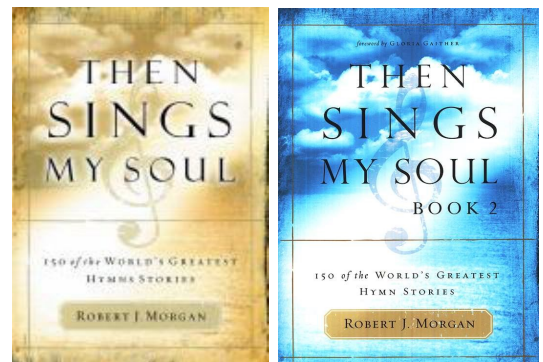
Dear Friends,

I am sure you all have some favorite “old” hymns that we might not sing anymore, and I am also sure there are many of you who would enjoy knowing the history of these favorites! For example: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, “Joy to the World”, “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”, “Faith of our Fathers”, “God of our Fathers”, “Are You Washed in the Blood?”, “How Great Thou Art”, “Just As I Am”, “Trust and Obey”, “Sunshine in My Soul”, etc. I wanted to continue adding titles because I hummed part of each of these as I typed, and it was rather fun! Be honest...you sang those titles with the music, too, didn’t you? :)

Well, if those backstories sound like something you would enjoy knowing, we have two books in the library that you need to check out! Each book has the history of 150 hymns! If you sing the song before or after reading its history (or maybe BOTH!), I will give you bonus points!! You can find these at 783.9.

Happy Reading (and Singing!)

Dina



Announcements/Thank You

**Soon Sarah Dice will become a Mrs.,
We would like to surround her with our love and
good wishes!!
She feels like their first home needs are met, So:
To save you looking, shopping and wrapping Here's
an idea we hope you'll like trying.**

**A card Blessing Box we thought would be great, If
you'd like to participate, With a gift card placed in
the Box for some later date, And sealed with a
blessing and prayer for Sarah and Quentin.**

(The Blessing box will be in the Church office)

volunteer with
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



See

Melissa Spenner!

“The Perfect Life”

Born In A Manger
Died On A Cross
Jesus, You Have My Attention,
This is not ordinary obituary
language.

But You are not ordinary
Living among us on earth 33
years,
A Sinless Life,
The Precious Son of God

As I See It,
Coming to Earth
To Die On A Cross
For All of Us
To Save Us From Our Sins
Such Love!

Thank You For the Ultimate
Example of Your Love and Power

You Are My Creator, My Friend
As Well As My King

Thank You For All Blessings,
My Cup Runneth Over

My Goal: Living Eternally
With You In Heaven

Jesus is Coming
He Cannot Lie

By Bev Smith





DATE	GREETER	ON CALL	SECURITY
October 06	Greg Strother	Gary Watson	Dallas Bundy
October 13	Mike Pugh	Myron Lloyd	Jon Wieldt
October 20	Steve Smith	Tom Reed	Dale Helpingstine
October 27	Gerald Purcell	Greg Strother	Ronnie Donoho



DATE	TEACHER	ASSISTANT
October 06	Susan Wieldt	Dina Reed
October 13	Melissa Spenner	Debbie Pugh
October 20	Melissa Spenner	Deric Dodd
October 27	Annette Hardcastle	Connie Seymour



Nursery Volunteers (Call the church office if you would like to serve) Life Group			Worship
October 06	Dina Reed	Annette Hardcastle	
October 13	Janet Smith	Sheri Peradotti	
October 20	Barb Helpingstine	Janet Smith	
October 27	Kristen McMahill	Dina Reed	



DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
October 06	Christopher Spenner	Kathy King
October 13	Ken Smith	Lynette Wiedle
October 20	Dale Helpingstine	Judy Bundy
October 27	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





Pastor Andy &
Tara DeWitt

*Then I will give you shepherds after my
own heart, who will lead you with
knowledge and understanding.*

Jeremiah 3:15



Thank you for your service to our Lord!

Associate Pastor
Christopher
Melissa, & Luke
Spenner





October 06 Regular Club (Pancakes, Sausage Patties & Fruit)

October 13 Fire Safety (Spaghetti, Salad, French Bread, & Dessert)

October 20 Crazy Hat Night (Cheese Sandwich, PB & Jelly, Chips & Snack Cakes)

**October 27 Wear Orange (Grilled Cheese, Corn Curls & Cookies)
(Menu)**



October 2024

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**Operation Christmas
Child Packing Party
October 29th
6PM**

Come join the fun!

October

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
“Being the Church in Salem and to the Nations”		1	2 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	3 9AM/6PM Precept Bible Study 11:30 Fellowship Luncheon	4	5
6 5-7 PM Awana	7 Prayer Meeting Women on Mission 9:30AM	8	9 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM Deacon's Mtg.	10 9AM/ 6PM Precept Bible Study	11	12
13 5-7 PM Awana	14 AHG/TL 5:30PM	15	16 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	17 9AM/ 6PM Precept Bible Study	18	19
20 Pastors Appreciation Lunch Hand out OCC boxes 5-7 PM Awana	21	22	23 2 PM Manor @ Salem Woods 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	24 9AM/ 6PM Precept Bible Study	25	26
27 5-7 PM Awana	28 AHG/TL 5:30PM	29 OCC Packing Party 6PM	30 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	31 9AM/ 6PM Precept Bible Study		

Grant Reed
Kayla Buerster
Jon Wieldt
Jerri Chapman
William Wantland
Brenda Lingafelter
Mary Lou Chitwood
Evelyn Parker
Madison Moheit
Judy Quick
Joann Holzhausen
Ricky West

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Brandon Albert
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John Buerster
Sharon Woodward
Larry Blankenship
Jeanna Chapman
Kerstina Tabor
Mickey Ward
Susan Salliotte
Samuel Hardcastle
Simon Hays
Charles Stallings

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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
“Being the Church in Salem to the Nations”



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
Mission Friends/Mission
Journey Kids
Praise Team Rehearsal

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
5:00 PM AWANA