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Salem United Methodist Church

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Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you -James 1:27

Dear Salem UM Church Family,

What does it mean to be 'religious'? Over the years I think that word has gotten a bad reputation because it has been associated, for some, with judgmentalism, condemnation, entitlement or simply feeling as if some are better than others. Instead, some have chosen to use phrases like 'I'm not religious, I'm in a relationship', 'I'm a Christ follower', or simply 'I'm not religious, I'm a Christian.' Phrases, I've found myself using from time-to-time, and I think the reason we use them is the same reason James clarifies in the Bible what '*genuine religion in the sight if God the Father*' looks like.'

Recently I came across a word I had never heard before, one that I think helps with this. You see, one word you may have heard before is '*orthodoxy*' a word that simply means, to believe what is right, to believe what the mainline structure holds to be true. Yet building on that, a second word has been introduced over time, '*orthopraxy*.' Now Orthopraxy takes it one step further and means that one doesn't just hold to what is true but has been changed because of it. That their faith has changed how they act, their ethical, decision and their life in general (from right beliefs, to right practices). This is loving others and caring for them, not out of compulsion but because you want to, because your heart breaks for them, because you care about them and therefore want to treat them as God would. This is the moment where our heart is replaced with God's heart, where we care as he cares and love as he loves. Does this mean the word 'religion' is bad, no! If it was James wouldn't tell us how to live it in a way that is right in God's sight. Therefore, the question we all must wrestle with is, what is *pure and genuine religion in the sight of God our father* look like for you? Because when we live differently we create more room for both our lives and the lives of others to be changed!

May God look after your loved ones and our church family,
Pastor Curtiss Cain

Move Up Sunday



On July 29th in our Traditional 11:00 am service we will be celebrating *Ella, Lolly & Greyson*, three of our young people 'Moving Up' from Children's Ministry into our Youth Ministry. We invite you to celebrate with them and pray over them as they enter this new step of growing in Christ's love.

Watch-It-Wednesday Movie Night

Whether you grew up reading the book 'Ferdinand the Bull' or you just want to see the movie, this promises to be a great family friendly event. With school coming back into session parents, grands and guardians have the opportunity to have a fun filled, relaxing and FREE evening where they don't have to worry about cooking that night's meal. We hope to see you there!

(Don't need a ticket to attend – use it to invite others)

Monthly Missions Project



Our groups *Subs&Scripture* and *Beans&Bibles* would like to invite you to our monthly mission project at Community Cares, the first Wed. of the month (Aug. 1st) 1:30pm. For more on these two groups see the calendar page of this newsletter.

News From The Nursery!

Wow! What a month we had!! July was busy for our children at Salem. The youth had a Car Wash to earn money for activities and trips and had great success 😊☐. We also ended July with a Back 2 School Water Wednesday for the community we had a great time of fellowship and lots of water!! Water Kickball was a success with lots of laughter and our baby pool at one point had 5 babies in it!! I don't know which group had the most fun but the babies were excited and having a great time splashing and wondering what "shaving cream" was all about 😊! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event special for the children and the community. Our Water event for the community reminded me of Matthew 7:24

"Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock." We planted the Mustard seed for God's love to grow 😊☐
Blessings, Lindy

Family Ministries Fun

What an amazing summer we have had. This was truly an amazing month. This month our youth group stepped up to the plate and all pulled together to host a church carwash. The teens worked so hard and earned \$267.00. The money will be used for a day trip to Ichetutnee Springs. We can't wait to float down the beautiful crystal-clear water and fellowship with one another. A great big thank you to everyone who participated in helping us out and making this possible! We appreciate you so much. After the car wash the youth were rewarded with pizza and we plan on doing another car wash in the near future. Children's church has been awesome this month! Watching these wonderful teachers be so creative in their teaching is pure joy to my heart! Smiles, laughter, love and the presence of God are flowing in this ministry!

Sunday school class gives everyone a chance to connect, reflect, pray, and learn together. We really do enjoy our time learning about Jesus. This month I have had the privilege of teaching Children's Sunday school and every single Sunday morning these little ones amaze me! They know so much about the bible, and love to learn as much as they can. We have lots of fun playing games, having a little music time with the instruments, singing songs, and doing bible study and crafts.

Mrs. Nettie and the youth Sunday school class are really enjoying a few newcomers, Bible study, and time together. The youth enjoy conversation, going outside, games, and snacks! We are working on some fun upcoming plans for Sunday school class so stay tuned!

Water Wednesday was a huge success! We had a Dunking Booth, water kickball, games, bobbing for apples, lots of food, a lovely devotional, a play area for toddlers, and a foot soaking station for adults. The kids were all smiles, and my heart is still full from seeing God use all of us as his tools and our church to witness and bless others. With all of these beautiful blessings flowing and great things happening I want to take time to ask you all to get involved. *We are actively seeking volunteers to help in all ministry needs of our children and youth.* We need monetary donations, teachers, back up teachers, teacher assistants, prizes for the prize box, snacks, juice boxes, drivers, and lots of prayers as we work hard to build this ministry to the ultimate potential. We love you all and we know none of this could be possible without the love and support from each and everyone of you! We sure do love our kids here at SalemUMC and ask you all to invite children of all ages to come be a part of our mission and change the world one mission at a time.

Please feel free to contact me Misty Floyd at 1(229)254-3807 or via email.

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Lectionary Reading

August 5, 2018

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12, 2018

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19, 2018

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 26, 2018

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August Birthdays

Susan Stamps	4
Margaret Staron	5
Dot Bowen	6
John Revell	8
Molly Purvis	9
Gigi Carroll	10
Melinda Moon	12
Jaydon Turner	12
Ted Bailey	14
Grace Barrow	14
Dot Prescott	14
Tom Payne	15
Kim Taylor	15
Dan Baxter	17
Curt Stralow	17
Barbara Spooner	20
Ralph Kern II	23
Helen Lester	23
Beverly Crawford	27
Alyce Parmer	27
Dylon Turner	27
Larry Boyington	28
Aveya Cain	28

Readings for August 2018

July 1: Obadiah; Psalms 82-83
July 2: 2King 1-4
July 3: 2King 5-8
July 4: 2King 9-11
July 5: 2King 12-13; 2Chronicles 24
July 6: 2King 14; 2Chronicles 25
July 7: Jonah
July 8: 2King 15; 2Chronicles 26
July 9: Isaiah 1-4
July 10: Isaiah 5-8
July 11: Amos 1-5
July 12: Amos 6-9
July 13: 2Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12
July 14: Micah 1-7
July 15: 2Chronicles 28; 2King 16-17
July 16: Isaiah 13-17
July 17: Isaiah 18-22
July 18: Isaiah 23-27
July 19: 2King 18:1-8; 2Chronicles 29-31; Ps 48
July 20: Hosea 1-7
July 21: Hosea 8-14
July 22: Isaiah 28-30
July 23: Isaiah 31-34
July 24: Isaiah 35-36
July 25: Isaiah 37-39; Psalms 76
July 26: Isaiah 40-43
July 27: Isaiah 44-48
July 28: 2King 18:9-19:37; Psalms 46/80/135
July 29: Isaiah 49-53
July 30: Isaiah 54-58
July 31: Isaiah 59-63

Our Faithful Giving

Our 2018 Budget	\$239,553
Needs Jan - July	\$141,379
Giving Jan - July 22	\$119,137

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE



Our Sunday counters could use some help. We are looking for someone interested in learning data entry for recording Sunday offerings. This requires staying approximately 30 minutes after the

11:00 am Traditional Service on Sundays. Counters typically count one Sunday a month plus one extra Sunday a quarter. Please contact Karen (850-539-6634 Mon - Fri 9 to noon) if you are interested.



You can visit us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SalemUMChavana

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45am - Coffee House Service
 (Holy Communion Each Week)
 9:50am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Traditional Service
 Youth off for the summer

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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:45am - Men's Morning Group
 (Country Kitchen Restaurant Next to Publix)
 11:00am - Prayer Circle
 12:00pm – Subs & Scriptures
 (Subway in Havana)
 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			1 1:30p: Subs & Scripture/ Beans & Bibles Missions Project at Community Cares	2 3p: Beans & Bibles	3 2p: Church Directory Meeting	4
5 11a: Holy Communion in Traditional Service 12p: Lunch Bunch	6	7 9a: Moses Baskets 7p: Missions / Outreach Committee	8 5:30p: Watch-it-Wednesday Movie Night	9 3p: Beans & Bibles	10	11
12	13 5:45p: UMW All are invited Guest Speaker from Children's Home	14	15 1:30p: Worship Committee	16 3p: Beans & Bibles	17	18 5p: Emmaus Gathering at All Saints Anglican Church Tallahassee
19	20	21 9a: Moses Baskets 6:30p: SPR Meeting *Charge Conference Forms Available	22	23 3p: Beans & Bibles 6p: Education Committee	24	25 10a: Churchwide Point of View Round Table Discussion 1p-5p: Greensboro Thrift Store
26 8:45a & 11a: Community Cares offering & Moses Baskets Dedication	27	28	29	30 3p: Beans & Bibles	31	