

PASTOR NEILL'S THOUGHTS

It is easy to give thanks when everything is wonderful. Our children are whole; our food shelves are full; our bodies are healthy and our jobs are secure. But does Saint Paul really mean for us to "give thanks in all circumstances..." (v. 18)? "Matthew Henry, the old Bible scholar, was mugged. His wallet was stolen. That night, in his journal, he wrote these words: 'Lord, I am thankful first because I was never robbed before. Second, I am thankful that although they took my wallet, they did not take my life. Third, I am thankful it was I who was robbed, not I who was robbing.'" (Duduit, Great Preaching 1995, p. 14). What a beautiful example of Paul's call for thankfulness in all circumstances!

As we have been talking about during the last few weeks, we are to be thankful... first, last and always. As followers of Christ, we are to realize just how blessed we are. God loved us enough to create us in His own image. God in His infinite wisdom, created us to be part of His plan and His perfect will. In fact, according to the Bible, this is God's ONLY plan for sharing His story. God sent us His son so that we might be a part of God's family for all eternity. In fact, everything we have comes from God. When we have this understanding of life, then all that we can be is thankful.



It is so hard to see when we are in the midst of pain and suffering that we are truly blessed. As I look back over my life, each event, each person, each church, each joy, even each difficulty can be seen as a blessing. In looking back we can see that "all things do work for good for those who love the Lord." I don't believe that life is scripted or predestined. I do believe that we have free will and often make mistakes

or are caught up in events that hurt. The truth of the gospel is that in spite of our free will or events that hurt, our God can redeem and reclaim it all. Our God can take our old bad patterns and create new clothes for us to wear. In this way God is in control. And if God is in control and can work in spite of ALL things (good and bad), then we can be thankful in any and all circumstances! So in this month when we celebrate thankfulness, make being thankful a part of everyday life.

The Journey continues...

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SALEM KIDS— We meet weekly on Sundays from 4:30-6:00 pm in the hut. We play, talk about Jesus, and learn to live together as believers. All kindergartners - 5th graders are welcome!

November 2 — This is the final filming day for the Children's Christmas Movie. If you desire for your child to participate and know you cannot make that date please contact Selwyn to schedule a time after school one day.

November 9 – Operation Christmas Child packing party! Let's fill the shoeboxes with love and prayers in addition to toys. Parents and anyone in the congregation may join us as well if you'd



like for an afternoon of fun and fellowship packing 200+ shoeboxes.

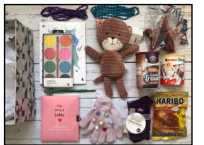
November 16 — a regular meeting with time to play, talk about Jesus, and build relationships.

November 23 – No Salem Kids meeting.

November 30 – Let the preparation begin as we journey toward Christmas!

SALEM YOUTH—We meet weekly on Sundays from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Hut. All young people 6th grade and older are welcome to attend.

November 2 – We will go shopping for Operation Christmas Child toys, and, of course, grab a bite to eat while out!



November 8—Movie Night at 7:00 pm showing King of Kings.



Free! Plus free popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee and soda. Bring your lawn chair and possibly a blanket as we watch under the stars. Everyone is invited!

November 9 — OCC packing party with the children

November 16 – regular meeting

November 23 – meet with Jennifer and Eric Slone

November 30 – regular meeting and planning for Live Nativity and other Advent activities

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR-WEEKLY

Week 44 (November 2)

Preparedness

◇ Matthew 24:36-51

◇ Proverbs 6:6-8

◇ Matthew 25:1-13

◇ Romans 13:11-14

◇ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Week 45 (November 9)

Endurance

◇ Job 1

◇ Matthew 24:9-14

◇ Romans 5:3-5

◇ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

◇ James 1:2-4

Week 46 (November 16)

Light

◇ Matthew 17:1-13

◇ Isaiah 60:1-3

◇ Matthew 5:14-16

◇ John 8:12

◇ 1 John 1:5-7

Week 47 (November 23)

Thanksgiving

◇ Luke 17:11-19

◇ Joshua 4:19-24

◇ 1 Chronicles 16:34

◇ Colossians 3:15-17

◇ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Week 48 (November 30)

Hope

◇ Luke 2:25-38

◇ Psalm 33:20-22

◇ Romans 15:13

◇ Ephesians 1:18-21

◇ Hebrews 6:13-20



NOVEMBER

5 Nico Keene

Kristy Roland

6 Pastor Neill

9 Dustin Hinson

10 Sam Eudy

12 Denise Smith

13 Vianey Magana

17 Gary Hatley

19 Jimmy Heglar

20 Katalina Carpenter

Lily Hager

25 Jacob Lowder

Kayden Lowder

27 Jennifer Almond

Sean Black

30 Vickie Hatley

Jacob McDaniel



GMC INFORMATION

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

J.D. Almond

Karen Ash

Abigail Biggerstaff

Pat Blankenship

Aurelia Brummett

Jeff Bunting

Paula Case

Daryl Christy

Mrs. Dublin

Patsy Eudy

Jim & Pam Furr

Rick Gordon

Tim Hartsell

Ann Hatley

Jo Hatley

Valrie Hefty

Jimmy Heglar

Carol Hinson

Tristen Huneycutt

Ron & Rita Janey

Brad Love

Roger Lowder

Annie Laura McCroskey

Tonya Medlin

Linda & Hubert Morgan

Nathan Nance

Joe Parker

Lee Preslar

Robin Ray

Jeanette Raybon

Alice Rothe

Richard Rothe

Shelby Shoe

Jane Sides

Barbara Slone

Chris Speight

Robert Stoker

Darrell Story

Kate Tesch



Salem's Mission Statement:

*To Know Christ's Love,
To Grow in Christ's Love,
To Share Christ's Love*

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

9/28	\$4,204
10/5	\$20,217
10/12	\$10,322
10/19	\$3,454



Stanly Community Christian Ministries' needs for November are canned beans, canned tomatoes and rice.



NEW MEMBER

On October 12, we welcomed JoAnne Hainline back into the membership of Salem Global Methodist Church with joy and thanksgiving. We are so blessed to have JoAnne at Salem. “May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.” -Numbers 5:25.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Cemetery

In loving memory of Larry Shoe by Rusty & Bridget Nance

General

In honor of Randy & Lisa Almond by Jeremy & Heather Almond

Trunk-or-Treat

In loving memory of Crystal Barbee by Ren & Robin Barbee

THANK YOU

Dear Salem Church Family,
Thank you so much for your love, prayers, cards, texts and gifts during Sherrill’s extended illness the last several months. We are so blessed and grateful for your support. Your kindness and generosity meant so much to us. May God continue to bless you today, tomorrow, and always.
Love, Sherrill & Denise Smith



I have been overwhelmed with all of the cards, prayers and other remembrances that I have received during my recent surgery and recovery. Thank you so very much.
Sharon C. Lowder

The Millingport Men’s Club would like to thank everyone for supporting the Fellowship Meal. The donations will be used for their community projects. All the desserts were delicious and enjoyed by all. The leftover food was taken to the Community Table to bless those in need.



JOYFUL HEARTS-November 1

The Senior Adult Ministry is starting a group called

“Joyful Hearts.” The first meeting will be Saturday, November 1, from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Fellowship Building. You are invited to bring a finger food to share with the group. Our entertainment will feature Billy Lowder and Lisa Hinson. There will also be a few games of Bingo. We hope everyone can join us for an afternoon of fellowship.
Contact Penny Hatley (704-634-9236), Beverly Johnson or Donna Bowers for more information or with suggestions.

MILLINGPORT MEN’S CLUB—November 2

The Millingport Men’s Club will meet Sunday, November 2, at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Building for breakfast and their monthly meeting. All men are invited to join them.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—November 2 @ 9:00 & 11:00 Services

CHARGE CONFERENCE—November 2 @ 3:00 pm

Everyone is invited to attend Salem’s Charge Conference on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 pm.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL— November 5

The November Fellowship Meal will be prepared by the Ladies Circle on Wednesday, November 5 from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Building. The meal will consist of various soups, cornbread, crackers and desserts. Please join us for some delicious food and Christian fellowship.



MOVIE NIGHT—November 8 @ 7:00 pm

(See Family Life Ministry section)

Everyone is invited, and please invite friends and neighbors.

OCC SHOEBOX UPCOMING DATES

November 2 @ 6:00 pm—Older youth group goes shopping

November 9 @ 4:30 pm—Packing Party in the Hut. Everyone is invited to help the youth fill 200+ boxes.

November 16 @ 10:00 am—Deliver boxes to Mt. Pleasant

November 29 3-7:00 pm—Volunteer at Charlotte Processing Center (Contact church office to sign up.)



Other available dates that are going quickly are 12/6, 12/13, 12/15, 12/17. See Lisa Almond or call the church office as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

VETERANS’ DAY SLIDESHOW—

November 16



We are again collecting photos of our church family and loved ones who have served in the military. We still have the photos used last Veterans’ Day. If you have additions to add to the slide show, please email a photo when they were serving in uniform to Pastor Neill (shawstephen1963@gmail.com) or have it scanned at the church office and given back to you.

DECORATE FOR ADVENT—November 23

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, November 23, at 3:00 pm to decorate Salem for Advent. All help will be appreciated.

GMC THANKSGIVING SERVICE—November 23

Our GMC Circle of area churches will share a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, at 6:00 pm at Love’s Grove GMC, 4360 Polk Ford Rd, Stanfield. Rev. Frank Haire will share God’s Word, and we will enjoy special music.



BACKPACK BUDDIES—November 24

Our next delivery of backpack food bags is November 24. Our biggest needs are peanut butter or cheese cracker packs, individual cereal cups, oatmeal, soft granola bars, ramen noodles, protein-containing items (tuna or chicken packs, pop-top cans of spaghetti with meatballs, soup cups, etc).

SAVE THESE DECEMBER DATES

7	7:30 am	Millingport Men’s Club-FB
7	6:00 pm	Children’s Christmas Movie Premier
14	10/11:00 am	Sunday School/Christmas Cantata @ Combined Service
14	4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling & Soup Supper
20	5-6:30 pm	Drive-Thru Live Nativity
21	6:00 pm	Moravian Love Feast
24	5:30/6:00 pm	Organ Concert & Christmas Eve Service



November, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too Worship 4pm - Trunk-or-Treat	27	28	29 6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Choir Practice	30	31 Halloween	1 1pm - Joyful Hearts
2 Daylight Saving Time ends 7:30am - Men's Club-FB 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too Worship 3pm - Charge Conference 4:30pm - Salem Kids <i>6:00 Youth Shopping</i>	3	4 Election Day	5 5pm - Fellowship Meal 6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Choir Practice	6	7	8 7pm - Movie Night
9 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too Worship 4:30pm - Salem Kids-Pack 6pm - Youth Group	10	11 Veterans Day	12 6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Choir Practice	13	14	15 Reserved-FB
16 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too Worship 4:30pm - Salem Kids 6pm - Youth Group	17	18	19 6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Choir Practice	20 6pm - Dementia Support	21	22 Reserved-FB
23 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too Worship 3pm - Advent Decorating 4:30pm - Salem Kids 6pm - Youth Group	24	25	26 6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Choir Practice	27 Office closed Thanksgiving Day	28 Black Friday	29 3pm - OCC volunteer
30 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too Worship 4:30pm - Salem Kids 6pm - Youth Group	1	2	3 6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Choir Practice	4	5	6



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

GREETERS
Misty, Bristol & Carsyn Smith

HEAD USHER
Wayne Chance



COMMUNION SERVERS
Nadine, Stan & Donna Bowers

WORSHIP LEADERS
11/2 Cindy Newsom
11/9 Gwen Hinson
11/16 Bill Rigsbee
11/23 David Hearne
11/30 Dustin Hinson/Mason Burrage



FLOWERS
11/2
11/9 Anne Nance
11/16 Shelia Creswell
11/23 Ted Hatley
11/30 Lisa Almond



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

POINSETTIAS / GOOD NEIGHBOR FOOD PANTRY / LUMINARIES—Due December 1

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Building for December 14 & 21 (\$12 each), donate to the Good Neighbor Food Pantry, or place a luminary at the Love Feast/Christmas Eve Service (\$5 each) on the sidewalk in honor/memory of a loved one, please place money and the form in the offering plate or leave at the Church Office by **Monday, December 1.** Luminary donations will be used for the Children’s Ministry. Order forms are also available in Sunday School rooms, at the church mailboxes, in the Narthex and Fellowship Building.



GOOD NEIGHBOR FOOD PANTRY <u>Amount \$</u>	
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