

PASTOR NEILL’S THOUGHTS

I read this on the internet the other day, and I don’t remember who wrote it. Still it is a powerful statement about what the church is at its best. I love the church because it is the very Body of Christ alive and active in the world today. It is not perfect; still it is the primary way that people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let’s be the Church!

“The church was never meant to be confined within four walls. It was meant to gather, to grow, and then to go—to shine, to serve, to love, and to bring the presence of Jesus wherever we go.

Gathering with believers matters. We need the encouragement, teaching, worship, fellowship, and accountability that happen when the Church comes together. But we were never meant to stay inside the building.

You can attend church every Sunday and still miss the heart of what it means to be the Church, because being the Church isn’t just about sitting in a pew—it’s about living with purpose, walking in obedience, and carrying Christ into every place He sends you.

The goal isn’t simply to gather more often, but to live out more deeply what we receive when we gather. Every act of kindness, every word of grace, every stand for truth, every display of love—that’s the Church in motion.

Let’s gather. Let’s grow. And then let’s go. Let’s not just go to church. Let’s be the Church—His hands and feet, His light in the darkness, and His love in a world desperate for hope.” (Author unknown)

The Journey Continues,
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SALEM KIDS

Corn Maze anyone?
Sunday, October 11, at 3:30pm our Salem Kids and Students will gather together and journey over to the Thomas Family Corn Maze (longgggg trip!) Children and Youth ministries will pay admission for children. Kids will need money for snacks. Parents are encouraged to attend. If parents cannot attend the outing, please let Nadine, Carly, Rebekah or Selwyn know, so we have enough adults going. Pick-up is 6:00 in the Hut. Please sign up by October 4.

This Fall we will study, "Surprising Things Jesus Said." We have already begun with, "You are the salt of the earth" playing salty games, eating salty snacks, and reading scripture from Matthew 5:13. We may even get a little messy with our studies!

It's time to make the Children's Christmas Movie again! No rehearsals, lots of giggles, and a great movie to share the story with our church family! So, let Selwyn or Pastor Neill know if you want to play a part!

SALEM STUDENTS

Our study for October continues with the "Darkroom" series, which leads us to ask questions about our faith and faith life, while giving us Biblical answers to help guide us.

Sunday, October 11, at 3:30, we will go with Salem Kids to Thomas Family Corn Maze. Children and Youth ministries will pay for admission, but you will need money for refreshments. Parent pick up is at 6:00. Please let Eric, Jennifer, or Selwyn know if you are going by Sunday, October 4.

Sunday, Oct 25 is Trunk-or-Treat ---- we will stay after 11:00 worship, lunch together and then make sure all is set up for this fun, community event.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Date: Sunday, October 25
Time: 4:00 -6:00

- Needed:
- Prayers - that is more than just a fun event, but a way to reach our community for Christ!
 - Trunks - want to decorate your own? Want the students to do it for you? Sign up and let us know your theme, or if you want students to decorate
 - Candy - bring wrapped, individual, fun-size candy to the tubs outside the church office, the Fellowship building, and in the narthex by October 21. Small prizes are also welcome.

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

The last Sunday in September is Gold Star Mother’s Sunday, and we want to recognize two members of our church. A Gold Star Mother refers to any mother who has lost a child in the service of our country.

Jo Hatley lost her step-son, Pvt. Joel Hatley, who was first listed as Missing in Action on March 7, 1972, in the Republic of Vietnam. His remains were later identified and buried in Arlington National Cemetery in 1990. Joel was serving with the 101st Airborne, 158th Aviation Battalion.

Aurelia Brummett lost her son, SSG. Bruce Rushforth, Jr., on February 22, 2002, in the Philippines. He was serving with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Republic of Korea. He is buried in Massachusetts.

VETERANS’ DAY

We are again collecting photos of our church family and loved ones who have served in the military. We still have the photos used in previous years. If you have additions to add to the slide show, please email a photo when they were serving in uniform to Pastor Neill or have it scanned at the church office and given right back to you.



READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR-WEEKLY

Week 39 (September 27)

Humility

◇ Philippians 2:3-11

◇ Proverbs 11:2

◇ Matthew 20:26-28

◇ John 13:1-9

◇ James 4:10

Week 40 (October 4)

Strength

◇ Ephesians 6:10-20

◇ Isaiah 40:28-31

◇ Joshua 1:9

◇ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

◇ Philippians 4:13

Week 41 (October 11)

Grace

◇ Psalm 103:1-12

◇ Romans 6:14

◇ John 1:16-17

◇ 1 Corinthians 15:9-10

◇ Ephesians 2:8-9

Week 42 (October 18)

Saints

◇ Revelation 7:9-17

◇ Psalm 37:28-29

◇ Daniel 7:27

◇ 1 Corinthians 1:2-3

◇ Hebrews 12:1-3

Week 43 (October 25)

Redemption

◇ Romans 5

◇ Job 19:25-27

◇ Isaiah 44:21-22

◇ Galatians 3:13-14

◇ 1 Peter 1:18-21



OCTOBER
birthdays



1 Brandon King

2 Ginger Lowder

3 Travis Gordon

10 Maddox Almond
Ron Janey

13 Dulce Magana

15 Barrett Hurlocker

17 Jolee King

18 Jodi Nance
Scott Lowder

19 Nicole Magana

20 Joe Hasenmayer

21 Alice Rothe
Celeste Magana

Kate Magana

Lori Burris

22 Piper Burris

23 Jerry Hager

24 Nadine Bowers

25 Karen Ash
Betsy Godwin

26 Milo Gordon
Nicole Tegels

27 Christa Hager

29 Errol Godwin
Chip Bigger

30 Jason Huneycutt
McKenzie Hinson

Darrell Story

31 Lana Bunting



GMC INFORMATION

Learn about the Global Methodist Church and how they are making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness by visiting these websites:

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globalmethodist.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jeremy Almond

Wesley & Jennifer Almond

Karen Ash

Julian Booth Family

Reva Bowen

Aurelia Brummett

Tony & Andrea Coble

W.L. Coleman Family

Bobbie Frick

Jean Furr

Jim & Pam Furr

Marty Furr

Cynthia Goodman Family

Addison Hatley

Ann Hatley

Denise Hatley

Valrie Hefty

Gwen Hinson

Rev. Fred Jordan

Rebecca Lanier's Family

Shanna Lanier

Rev. Beau Linker

Roger & Ginger Lowder

Sharon L. Lowder's great-nephew

Annie Laura McCroskey

Jacob McDaniel

Miranda McDaniel

Hubert & Linda Morgan

Joe Parker

Beth Plowman

Lee Preslar

Robin Ray

Jeanette Raybon's

daughter

Kassidy Sechler

Rommie Sells

Jane Sides

Misty Smith

Robin Stanton

Darrell Story

Kitty Swaringen

Frances Traynham Family

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

8/31 \$4,931

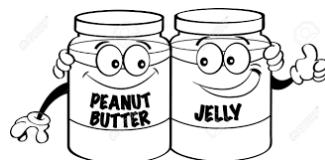
9/6 \$5,994

9/13 \$3,152

9/20 \$5,373



Stanly Community Christian Ministries' needs for October are peanut butter and jelly.



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Children’s Ministry

In loving memory of Tillie Heintz by Tommy and Pam Martin,
Randy and Lisa Almond

Good Neighbor Food Pantry

In loving memory of Richard D. Lowder and John T. Cox by the
Daniel Archibald Lowder Family Reunion

Salem’s Helping Hands Team

In loving memory of Bryon Hatley’s birthday by Ann Hatley

THANK YOU

Salem Church Family,
Thank you so much for the Bible for my graduation! It is beautiful
inside and out. Thank you for the constant love and support.
With love,
Emerson Plowman

Jim Furr would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls,
food, acts of kindness and prayers during his recent illness. It has
meant so much to Jim and Pam.

Thank you on behalf of my family for the beautiful service,
refreshments and fellowship after my mom’s passing.
Anna Walker and Alice Rothe’s Family

FIRST AID, CPR & AED BASIC TRAINING—October 1

Everyone is encouraged to attend this free basic training class led
by Warren Hatley. We will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, Octo-
ber 1, in the Fellowship Building. Learn life-saving skills to help
protect your loved ones in an emergency. No prior experience is
needed.

MILLINGPORT MEN’S CLUB – Sunday, October 4 @ 7:30 am

All men from the church and community are invited to enjoy
breakfast, a short business meeting, and Christian fellowship in
the Fellowship Building.

GMC DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING—October 10

This training will be from 9 AM to 4 PM at Love’s Grove Method-
ist Church. (4360 Polk Ford Road, Stanfield)

*Anyone who might be interested in helping with local disasters
in the future must attend this meeting. Sign up sheets are on the
office bulletin board, in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Building.
Cost is \$35.

JOYFUL HEARTS—Saturday, October 10 from 1-3 pm

This group is sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministries and will
meet in the Fellowship Building. Come out and enjoy some fun
activities and Christian fellowship. Everyone is invited to bring a
snack to share with the group.

CHURCH COUNCIL - Sunday, October 11 @ 2 pm in FB

LADIES CIRCLE MEETING - Sunday, October 11 @ 3:30 pm

All ladies are invited to join us for a business meeting, snacks and
Christian fellowship. We meet in the Fellowship Building.

CRYSTAL’S BOOKS OF BLESSINGS-Sunday, October 11

We are taking donations for the 18th annual book drive in loving
memory of Crystal Barbee’s birthday through October 11. Books
may be placed in the basket at the office or monetary donations
may be marked as “Crystal’s Books” and placed in the offering
plate. Last year the family delivered 451 books to various organi-
zations and schools.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL - Wednesday, October 14

Salem's Helping Hands Team will be hosting the Community Fel-
lowship Meal on Wednesday, October 14, serving from 5 until
6:30 pm in the Fellowship Building. Menu includes several types
of chili, slaw, cornbread and dessert. Free will donations will help
fund upcoming projects. Anyone who wants to provide a dessert
or who needs a meal delivered should contact Robert Lipe be-
fore October 12..

SALEM’S SECURITY TEAM—Thursday, October 15 @ 7:00 pm

Our Security Team will meet in the Fellowship Building. If you are
interested in joining the team or finding out more information,
please contact Warren Hatley.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP—October 20 @ 6 pm

Please invite anyone you know needing support as they care for
their loved one at home or in a facility to our meeting in the Hut.
Contact Lisa Clayton for more information.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT– Sunday, October 25 from 4-6:00 pm

See Pastor’s Page for more information.

SALEM’S HELPING HANDS TEAM

This group will help residents who cannot perform needed re-
pairs and improvements. Anyone interested in joining the team
may fill out a membership form and return it to Robert Lipe, Tim
Bennett, Pastor Neill or the church office. Forms are available in
the Sanctuary, Fellowship Building and at the church mailboxes.

SCHOOL BACKPACK BUDDIES

Our church delivered 20 food bags for NSMS students in need of
weekend food. Thanks to everyone who donated or helped pack.
Our next delivery of food backpacks is November 23rd.

Needed items are:
100% juice boxes or bottles, fruit or pudding cups, chef boyardee
cans, ramen noodles, cheese crackers, nut snack packs.

We do not need granola bars, cereal, popartars, oatmeal packs, or
sweet treats.

KEY LOCK BOX

We now have a key lock box installed on the church office door.
If you don’t already have a church key and need access to a
church building outside of office hours, please reach out to Lisa
Almond to get the access code. This will make picking up and
dropping off building keys safer and more
convenient for everyone.

SAVE THESE NOVEMBER DATES

1	7:30 am	Millingport Men’s Club-FB
4	5-6:30 pm	Soup Fellowship Meal-FB
8	4:30 pm	Shoebox Packing Party-Hut
14	1-3 pm	Joyful Hearts-FB
17	6:00 pm	Dementia Support Group-Hut
22	TBA	GMC “Circle” Thanksgiving Service

October, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service- 4:30pm - Salem Kids-Hut 6pm - Salem Youth-Hut	28 10am - Homeschool	29 10am - Homeschool 7pm - Fall Bible Study-Hut	30 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	1 7pm - 1st Aid/CPR/AED-FB	2	3
4 7:30am - Men's Club-FB 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 4:30pm - Salem Kids-Hut 6pm - Salem Youth-Hut	5 10am - Homeschool	6 10am - Homeschool 7pm - Fall Bible Study-Hut	7 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	8 Reserved-Hut Lauri Jo Sides	9 9am - Disaster Response 1pm - Joyful Hearts-FB	10
11 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Reserved-Hut 11am - Worship Service-FB 2pm - Church Council-FB 3:30pm - Cornmaze Trip-Kids 3:30pm - Ladies Circle-FB	12 Columbus Day 10am - Homeschool	13 10am - Homeschool 7pm - Fall Bible Study-Hut	14 5pm - Fellowship Meal-FB 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	15 7pm - Security Team-FB	16	17
18 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 4:30pm - Salem Kids-Hut 6pm - Salem Youth-Hut	19 10am - Homeschool	20 10am - Homeschool 6pm - Dementia Support-Hut	21 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	22	23	24
25 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 4pm - Trunk-or-Treat	26 10am - Homeschool	27 10am - Homeschool	28 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	29	30 Halloween	31



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

GREETERS

Reggie & Vickie Hatley

Ushers & Greeters

HEAD USHER

Eric Slone

COMMUNION SERVERS

Jimmy Phillips, Reggie & Vickie Hatley

WORSHIP LEADERS

10/4 Gary Hatley
10/11 Penny Hatley
10/18 Selwyn Shaw
10/25 Nadine Bowers



FLOWERS

10/4 Robin & Ren Barbee
10/11 Lisa Almond
10/18
10/25



Sanctuary Flowers