



The Salem Stimulus

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FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES

Faith in Church is easy. Everyone is seeking the same God, the congregation shares time and space and tries to always get along, and we are constantly – literally – singing from the same page.

Living our Faith at work can be different. In some work places, there is a wide berth of tolerance to express beliefs and moral standards. Other environments only offer begrudging permission to express one's self. Still others are wary at best, prosecutorial at worst, when religion or belief is even slightly breathed.

Work is where most of us spend a huge part of each day and week. Worship, church activities, or small study groups add up to a tiny fraction of time each month.

In this series we will consider the challenges and explore opportunities to make our faith in Christ a natural part of work days and work places. What is the mindset, the attitude, or the posture we take when we integrate what we believe on Sunday with what we do on the other days?

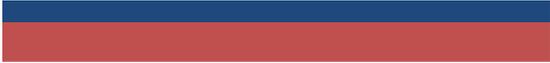
I invite you to attend each Sunday this month and learn about "Faith at Work."

Pastor John



"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

I Corinthians 16:58



February Sermons:

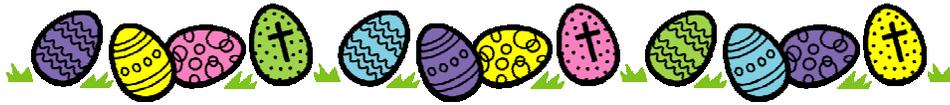
Faith at Work

Feb 5: *Getting Centered*

Feb 12: *Encountering Challenges*

Feb 19: *Noticing Opportunities*

Feb 26: *At the End of the Day*



The Easter Egg Project has kicked off a New Year of Egg Making

Egg-making production began on Monday January 30th and will continue every Mon. and Wed. through April 5th.

Come and join us from approximately 7 am until 1 pm each day,
or anytime during that timeframe that fits your schedule.

Questions?

Call Gary Cassell (938-6484), John Hartman (712-3078), Jeff Strohecker (884-1941), or Jo-Ann Howard (938-3216).

Lunch will be provided each day.

Egg Sales will begin on February 13th. Egg Pick-up will be on Mon. and Wed. from 9 am – 1 pm, and 6 – 7 pm.

Order forms with directions for completion will be provided.

Eggs are expected to be picked up within 2 weeks of your delivery date.

If you aren't able to help make eggs, consider selling them to your family, friends, and co-workers. Also, donations are needed for egg-makers lunches. Sign up on the posters in the Welcome Center or at the South Entrance of the church.

Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

Community Small Groups

Want to participate in a small group, but don't have the time? Consider taking a small group with you to your children's sports practices, tournaments, work or other events you attend. Find a place on the field, in the gym or at the pool and invite folks to join you.

Salem will supply simple study materials based on each week's sermon. If you or others in your group heard the sermon, you will have an opportunity to talk about it and if others haven't heard the sermon, they can read the text and participate in the life of Salem.

The Community Small Group can be as long or as short as you like. It could encompass just a single sermon series that interests you, or an entire year. Anyone can lead a group, no special training or knowledge is needed.

If you are interested in learning more contact Susan Ryder sryder@fcsalem.org or 574-



FIELD PROJECT

You may recall back in December when we announced that the RL Lacrosse Club had obtained FREE fill and offered to pay for all other costs associated to level the east field of the church property in exchange for their use of the field. As you may have noticed, this project has begun! The "roadway that has been created along the backside of the cemetery is temporary and only for the use of the construction vehicles. This will make a great area for various sports and activities. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office.



Transforming the lives of homeless families. Because every child deserves a home.

Our core program is a way for communities to address the challenge of family homelessness by using existing resources. Not only does this make the program cost efficient, it makes it effective. Family Promise is not just about getting families into housing, but addressing all the underlying issues and using the community to keep them in housing.

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2016:

- 16 families: 23 adults and 41 children
- 7,764 meals served
- 2,588 overnight stays
- Average length of stay 55 days
- 56% of families served were single fathers, intact families, and families with teenagers (all of which there are few other shelter resources available.)
- 69% of families moved into stable housing

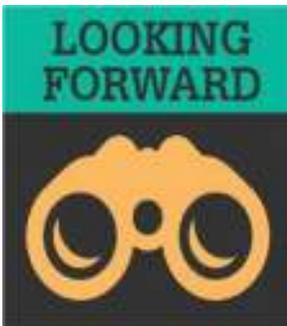


2017 Family Promise Host Dates:

- ◆ March 5-12
- ◆ June 4-11
- ◆ August 20-27
- ◆ December 24-31

ANNUAL FUEL DRIVE RESULTS

Salem collected **\$2,837.64** to be donated to RED CAP for the use of helping local families heat their homes this winter. THANK YOU SALEM!



Mission Opportunities

- * **Salem’s Community Service Day** – a one-day opportunity to assist local neighbors with yard work, and basic building projects. Contact: Laurie Murry, lmurry@fcsalem.org; 938-1928 (x117).
- * July 24-28, **Home Help’s Northeastern Work Camp** – a 5-day local, York County, work camp designed to repair homes that have significant need. Sleep and shower at home, work and enjoy meals and devotions with your work group. Contact: Laurie Murry, lmurry@fcsalem.org; 938-1928 (x117).
- * August 5-12, **Haiti Mission Trip** – serve in an orphanage, assist with a Vacation Bible School program, help a medical team. Contact Marcia Sadler, msadler_pac@yahoo.com; 938-0890.



FAMILIES IN THE FIELD Spring Schedule

Please join us for one of our Spring Mission Projects. All meetings are held at noon in Rooms 112-114 following the Gathering Worship Service.

February 5th - Coloring Packets for local hospital ER's.

March 5th - Linus Project

April 2nd - Teacher Appreciation Project.

EXPERIENCE SIERRA LEONE WITHOUT LEAVING THE AREA!

Here is an excellent opportunity to introduce ourselves to the culture and story of Sierra Leone! At HACC's Rose Lehrman Arts Center on Monday, Feb. 13 at 7:00pm and on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:30pm the musical group, Sierra Leone Refugee All Stars will be featured. The Monday show is a FREE showing of the documentary of the Sierra Leone Refugee All Stars and Thursday is a live performance.

The groups' message: "Music can heal the trauma of man. Don't lose hope. Music can cure you." Access the Rose Lehrman Arts Center or the SL Refugee All Stars on the internet and you will find videos about the documentary, a YouTube NPR concert, and more. Learn more about the culture, history, and lifestyle of a country that our Susquehanna Conference and our church supports through gifts, prayers, and one-day, we hope a mission trip!

About the band: Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars (also called Refugee All Stars) is a band from Sierra Leone which was formed by a group of refugees displaced to Guinea during the Sierra Leone Civil War. Since their return to Freetown in 2004, the band has toured extensively to raise awareness for humanitarian causes. Their story is documented in the 2005 documentary film Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars. They have released three albums.



YOUTH choir

FCS YOUTH CHOIR IS BACK!

Rehearsals will be Thursdays from 5-6pm in Room 110.

We will share in worship about once a month.

Join us Thursday, Feb. 9th at 5pm for an informational meeting and our first rehearsal!

Contact Kelsey Robertson of more info at krobertson@fcsalem.org.



SAVE THE DATES

VBS JUNE 11-16!!!

*Join us for lots of FUN learning that
YOU were created by God & built for a purpose!*

SEEKING those who were Created by God and Built for Delivering His Word to children through Drama & Music! If you are interested in auditioning for the leadership position to over see our Drama or Music Segment of Vacation Bible School, please contact Tracey Michelsen (tmichelsen@fcsalem.org).

SHOWING UP FOR KIDS

Perhaps time is not something that you are able to give to the Children's Ministry, but there are other ways that we could use your help!

We would LOVE to have your daily prayers over the Ministry that we are doing here at Fishing Creek Salem. Below are a few items that you can donate to benefit our littlest disciples in the Nursery all the way up to 5th grade. Let the Light of Jesus shine through you as you bless Salem's youngest.

- Unopened Fast Food Restaurant Toys
- Fun trinkets for the Treasure Box
- Gift Card for the Dollar Tree or Wal-Mart
- Unscented Baby Wipes
- Boxes of Goldfish Crackers
- Package of Sandwich Cookies
- Individually wrapped Gummy Snacks
- Boxes of Cheerios or Fruit Loops
- Containers of Lysol Wipes

Donations can be placed in the Mission Corner in the bin labeled "Children's Ministry".



Women's February Book Discussion Open to All

Thursday, February 16 at 7 PM Scott Slayton the author of "Boys in the Field: A Championship Journey From Red Land to Williamsport" will be speaking. Many of us have been impressed by the sportsmanship of these young men and their coaches as they went on to win the National Little League Championship. This is your chance get to know the boys better and to ask questions of Scott. We will meet in room 115. If you have any questions, please call Marsha Uber 938-3108. See you there!



Have you set up your online giving yet?

It's an easy and convenient way to share the gifts God has provided in our lives with Fishing Creek Salem's missions and ministries.

You can set up a recurring gift on the frequency that best fits your budget or you can give a onetime gift whenever you feel so moved.

You can even choose the payment method; a direct withdrawal from your checking or savings account or use your Debit Card. Please remember however that if you use your Debit Card as opposed to a direct withdrawal from one of your accounts, the church will be assessed a 2.75% processing fee for each transaction.



Why not consider making online giving one of your New Year resolutions. If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up your giving please give me a call. I will be more than happy to assist in any way I can.

Thank you all for your ongoing generosity in assisting us in our endeavor to "make disciples, who make disciples, who change the world".

May you all have a Blessed and healthy 2017.

Charlotte Tomasetti

717-774-0511



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends health kits to areas around the world after disasters have occurred. Adult sized toothbrushes (sealed in original packaging) are needed for these kits.

Please place the toothbrushes in the bin marked "Mission Central Item of the Month" located at the end of the hall outside Nursery School rooms (rooms 112-114).



The Salem Seniors will meet on
 Thursday, February 16th at 1:00pm
 at Kokomo's.
 Contact Dave & Lou Lingenfelter (938-3383)
 by February 13th for reservations.
 Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The United Methodist Women
 will meet
 on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm
 in room 115.
 The program for the evening will be our annual
 "Call to Prayer and Self Denial".
 All women of the church and community
 are invited to attend.



"BYOL & ICS"
February 5, 2017
12:15 p.m.
 Happy New Year! The Women of Light will meet for "Bring Your Own Lunch & Ice Cream Sundaes" on Sunday, February 5th at 12:15 p.m. in room 115. Please bring your lunch and favorite ice cream topping and enjoy some winter fun. We promise you will be home long before the Super Bowl. Please sign up on the Women of Light bulletin board or call Linda Wrightstone at 774-0901.

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| Evan Baker | Conner Livingston |
| Ella Beam | Abby Martin |
| Jameson Christine | Koen Meanor |
| Samuel Culp | Karsyn Peifer |
| Ethan Dormer | Josh Rich |
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LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

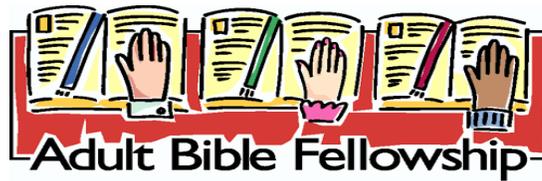
What a classic the movie *Ben Hur* was starring Charlton Heston! There are some facts about this story that you might not know. Lew Wallace, a Civil War general, originally wrote the book in 1880. The first movie made from the book was a silent movie in the 1920's. In 1959 came the world famous movie with Charlton Heston as Ben Hur.

As one of the bestselling stories of all time, Lew Wallace's *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ* has captivated and enthralled millions around the world—both in print and on the big screen. Now Lew's great-great-granddaughter, Carol Wallace, has taken the old-fashioned prose of this classic novel and breathed new life into it for today's audience.

This fall and now out in DVD came a new remake of *Ben-Hur*, a major motion picture from MGM and Paramount studios. The story follows Judah Ben-Hur, a Jewish nobleman whose childhood friend Messala betrays him. Accused of trying to murder the new Roman governor in Jerusalem, Judah is sentenced to the galley ships and vows to seek revenge against the Romans and Messala. But a chance encounter with a carpenter from Nazareth sets Judah on a different path. Rediscover the intrigue, romance, and tragedy in this thrilling adventure.

Also included with the DVD is the inspiring story-behind-the-story of Lew Wallace—Indiana lawyer, author, and Civil War general.

Both the DVD and the new book are available for check out in our church library!



BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

We will continue our study on *The Journey to Forgiveness* by Melissa Spoelstra throughout February. This study explores what God has to say to us about grace and forgiveness through Joseph's story of trial and triumph found in Genesis 37-50. As we study his dreams, betrayers, dysfunctional family, struggle to forgive, and journey toward common questions such as "How do I stop dwelling on the hurt?" and "Is forgiving someone excusing what happened?" Whether or not you're working through a hurtful situation right now, you can learn from Joseph how to release your past and present hurts to God and allow Him to do a supernatural work of forgiveness in your life. Student books and a video are included.

We would love for you to join us for this study. We meet Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in room 210.

Why don't you give us a try?

Lesson Schedule

The Journey to Forgiveness by Melissa Spoelstra

February 5	Week 4 "The Roller Coaster Ride"	Genesis 43-44 Part 1
February 12	Week 4 "The Roller Coaster Ride"	Genesis 43-44 Part 2
February 19	Week 5 "Grace and Boundaries"	Genesis 45-46 Part 1
February 26	Week 5 "Grace and Boundaries"	Genesis 45-46 Part 2



P R A Y E R C H A I N

Please keep in your prayers these people who have had prayer concerns in the last month:

Andrew Z, Angie C, Anne Marie, Armes family, mom-mom & pappy, Robert Armes, Rochelle Armes, Barbara (Judy Novinger's friend), Ina Baum (Olive Gibney's friend), Brittany Benton, Samantha Benton, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Benton, Beverly (Jeannette Payne's friend's mom), Ina Binkie, Scott Binns, Bob (George Bressler's Uncle), Bodhan, John & Charlotte Brame, Brenda & Linda (Barry & Carole Altland's daughters), Hunter Briner & family (friend Bonnie Moody's son), Brooks, Jake & Fay Brown, Car accident in Newberry Township victims & families, Judy Cassner (Linda Edmondson's friend), Christmas Day Dinner thank you to Marty & crew, Citizens of Syria, Velma Coffman, Collin (Joy Wilcox's great nephew), Les & Jean Condon (death of Les' brother), Mary Cousins, Melanie Cunningham, Dakota (friend of Katie, Joan Dean's niece), Davidson family (death of mother), Gene Donnelly & son Eugene, Driver family, Linda Edmondson, Linda Engle, Eleanor, Denise Fern, Fickes family, Fleisher twins, Samantha Freeman & family, Friends, Carolyn & Wally Funk, Rev. Eric Funk (Carolyn & Wally's son), Nikki Granger, John Grubic, Mary Gustin, Pastors Sharonn & John Halderman, Cindy Hammons, Randy Harpster, Jerry Hartman, Hevel family (death of Katie Hevel, friend of Shannon Sylvester), Diane Huntsinger, Carole Hutchison, Javon & Savannah, Lynda Jones' mom, brother, sister-in-law & nephew, Lily Jordan, Katie & George, Bob Kent, Kimberly & Shannon, Dave Kline, Sandy Kline, Kim Kohl, Arlene Kowal (Paula's mother), Jen Kuntz, Liz Laman's daughter, Lonely, ill, homeless, and grieving people, Baby Matthew, Jeff McKaughan's family (Sue Taylor's friend), Mike, Mikos family, Reno Montalvo, Susan Montalvo & her mother, Dottie Morrette, Stacey Morris, Ruth Myers (Bonnie Moody's aunt), Nan, Deb & Bob Oakley & foster children; Zachary, Lucian & Daisy, Peace, Peggy (Sue Shirk's sister), Karen Pepperman, Ryan Pepperman, Sue Prowell, Lillian Pusey, Margaret Rader, Rader family, Lois Reed, Edith & Don Rehm, Stephanie Reynolds, Perry Richards, Kyle Richetts, Lou Rudy, Shawn Rupp & children, Ryan & Colleen, Matt Saltzer, Shannon, Dave Shafer, Jackie Shaffer, Tina Shank, Chistopher Sharpe's family, V. Shipely, mom & son, Lorraine Smith, Heidi Stahl, Gina Stahlnecker, Stephen (Heidi Stahl's son), Stephen Ministers & Care Receivers, Raymond Steward, Sue, Traveling family & friends, Brenda Vanett, Mary Faith Van Noy, VBS Team, Vicki (Chuck & Holly Crumpton's aunt), Victims & families of FL Airport shooting, Mary Wagner (Olive Gibney's sister), Spencer Welsh (Dennis & Karon Haring's nephew), Joy Wilcox & family (death of her mother) and for the Parmelee, Perez, and Wilcox family, Jim & Lois Witters, George Young, Kyle Young, Lorraine Zimmerman, SalemCares Ministry, Stephen Ministers, and Salem's Military.

Do you have a prayer concern? Please call the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Fay Brown at 938-1190 or call Salem's Church Office at 938-1928 or email at www.office@fcsalem.org.



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the offices and members of the Fairview Township Fire Department, I want to thank you for your generous contribution of \$250.00 to our 2016 Fund Drive. Your support to our mission of providing effective fire protection and emergency services is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Michael H. Cattuci, Treasurer
Fairview Township Fire Department

Dear Pastor Debbie,

"I just wanted you to know that we had a very blessed Christmas. Thank you for all the gifts from the Giving Tree, the \$50 in gift cards, and The Christmas Closet. God is good all the time. Thanks for being such a blessing to us."

Dear Rev. Dr. Heisley-Cato, Rev. Overman & FCSUMC Members,

Thank you so much fro your 2 recent monetary donations. We appreciate your generosity and support. In December we served 158 families that added up to 450 people. We also helped 210 families with Christmas dinner.

Nina Myers & Deb Trimmer
Co Directors of the RL Food Ministry



Winter weather is upon us! In the event of frightful weather, the church office will follow the West Shore School District's delay & cancellation schedule. Sunday service cancellations will be broadCast on WHTM 27 & WGAL 8. All group cancellations will be at the discretion of each group leader and he/she will be responsible for contacting the members of the group.



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Sunday Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30AM; Adult Class at 11:00AM

