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"New" Auction Time: 6 pm
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Salem is planning to attend Women of Faith August 1 & 2, at the Patriot Center, Fairfax, VA

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AMERICA'S LEADING CHRISTIAN EVENT FOR WOMEN

As of this writing, 19 women from Salem are planning to attend Women of Faith at the Patriot Center, Fairfax, VA. The annual event begins on Friday evening, August 1, at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m., and continues on Saturday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The theme for this year's event is "From Survival to Revival." Those attending this all-new event will receive powerful Bible teaching, be inspired by uplifting music, enter into authentic worship, and more. We will experience the renewal that comes from spending time in the presence of God, and discover new joy and a fresh sense of purpose.

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" Psalm 85:6 NKJV



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 239
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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

Salem Mission Statement:
At Salem, with God's help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Salem Vision Statement:
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people's needs and bring them to Christ.

2014 MISSION PROJECTS

		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-June
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$1,224.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,389.27
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$884.74
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$650.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$200.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$660.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$360.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$235.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$384.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$557.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$228.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$1,145.68
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$210.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2014) NEW	-----	\$0.00

2014 Goal: **\$16,812** • Mission Offering To Date: **\$7,664.14** • % of Goal: **46%**

Here's how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.

3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.

If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

SALEM MISSION PROJECT NO. 5

MARY E.

Africa Inland Mission

Mary is on home leave from her mission work in Africa. She visited Salem on Sunday, July 6, one of her many stops to visit the churches who sponsor her mission work.

She arrived at Salem from New York, and has planned for the next several months to visit churches in the south and midwest. She is also seeking more support.

At Salem on July 6th, Mary presented the message in both services, and also participated in a discussion of her work during Salem's Sunday School time.

She spoke of her many years in Tanzania, and her future plans to go back to Africa (to a different country).

While on home leave, she will be preparing for her future assignment by taking classes and learning the language needed for her next assignment. The Salem congregation gave a free-will offering of \$235, in addition to Salem's monthly support (a minimum of \$85 per month). It was a joy to have Mary with us.



Photo of Mary when she visited Salem on July 6.

Buttercup, the snake, visits Vacation Bible School

■ By Fonda Gormer

July 15-18, 2014 • Photos by Joe Hawkins

Buttercup, a snake belonging to the Dennis Leatherman family, visited "Weird Animal" Vacation Bible School (VBS) on Friday evening, July 18. The Bible theme for the evening was "Even when you're afraid, Jesus loves you," and snakes were among things the children admitted they were afraid of. Students were given a chance to interact with the snake during the evening.

Twenty-two students attended this year's VBS. They learned about some "weird" animals, that "weird" really means rare, unusual, one-of-a-kind, and that we are all weird! Above all, they learned that Jesus loves us even when we feel left out, are different, don't understand, do wrong or are afraid. What powerful ideas!

There were songs, Bible stories and activities, crafts, food and the much anticipated kickball games. There was a skit each evening with Dr. Paws and Jess. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

This year, for the first time in Wolfsville VBS history, we had to cancel a night of activities. On Sunday, July 13, a powerful storm blew through the area and knocked out electrical power to a large part of the Wolfsville area, including Salem Church. The decision was made to cancel VBS on Monday. Luckily power was restored in time to have classes the remainder of the week.

Offerings totaling \$155 will be sent to "Imagine No Malaria." As part of VBS,



the children made pipe cleaner mosquitos which were attached to a net tent. As the offerings grew, the students were able to remove mosquitos from the net. On the last evening all the mosquitos were gone! Thanks to everyone for their support!

Vacation Bible School is a cooperative project of Salem, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the Wolfsville Ruritan Club. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with VBS each evening; those who donated food items; and the Wolfsville Ruritan Club for their financial support.



Attendance Offerings

June 2014

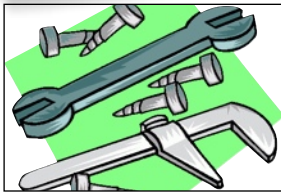
	Worship*	Sunday School
June 1 -	89 \$1,505.25	51 \$276.64
June 8 -	132 2,789.84	58 176.00
June 15 -	91 1,344.25	50 153.00
June 22 -	102 2,682.25	51 119.00
June 29 -	93 1,541.25	44 124.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,215.33
 - Building Fund: \$293.33
 - Pavilion Fund: \$150.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$30.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*

Average Attendance	
Worship	Sunday School
June	51
May	50
Apr	54
Mar	51
Feb	52

Average Attendance Jan-June 2014
 Sunday Worship: 95
 Sunday School: 51



Board of Trustees

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

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| Donald Stottlemeyer | Brandon Leatherman | Robin Haupt |
| Gary Barkdoll | Todd Raynor | Bobby Fogle |
| Richard Harshman | George Stottlemeyer | George Harne |

Mulch

Earlier this year, 50 bags of mulch were purchased from the local Boy Scout Troop 273. This mulch was used around the shrubbery in the front yard of the church.

More recently, additional mulch was purchased from Walter Bussard for the parsonage yard.

Sanctuary Piano

Pamela Borum of Hagerstown, has been tuning and maintaining Salem's pianos for many years. She tunes the sanctuary piano every six months and the piano in the social room once a year.

Salem purchased the sanctuary piano, a Yamaha U1, 30 years ago. It has been an excellent piano, needing only routine maintenance, except for 24 new hammer flanges which were recently replaced.

Pam advises the deterioration of these flanges is typical of Yamaha pianos of this age.

Sound System Upgrade

During the week of July 28th, DSL Sound of Hagerstown, will work for two days in the sanctuary to upgrade our 14-year-old sound system which was in need of repairs and improvements.

DSL Sound will replace the wireless lapel microphone (for Pastor Bob's use), the wireless handheld microphone, plus an antenna to run both microphones. They will also replace and expand all the existing floor jack microphone inputs and speaker outputs; replace the amplifier that pushes the sanctuary sound into the educational building; replace the existing sound board to expand the number of inputs from 10 to 16; update our recording and duplicating capabilities with a new digital recording deck and duplicator unit; and add two new portable listening devices for anyone who needs a little help to better hear the worship service.



Remember our Memorial and Endowment Programs

Outright Gifts: Financial gifts may be given to Salem at any time in memory or honor of a loved one.

Planned (deferred) Gifts:

As you do your estate planning, you may consider including your church in your plans?

Many of us have deep roots in our community and feel a deep sense of dedication toward our church and its ministry in the Wolfsville area.

As we think of the future, beyond our lifetime, it is comforting to imagine our church continuing to be a robust ministry, active in leading people to Christ, changing lives, and reaching out and supporting the local community.

One way to assure a fruitful future is to continue your financial support of your church after your death, through a memorial or endowment. It also gives you an opportunity to leave a permanent legacy at Salem Church.

All gifts are tax deductible. Names of those memorialized will be displayed on a plaque in the church building.

*For more information contact:
 Bill Burrier, Chair, Finance Committee
 or Pastor Bob Snyder*

GET OUT YOUR WALKING SHOES!

It's time to get out your walking shoes and get in shape for the annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk on September 28. Registration for the 5-mile walk begins at 1 p.m., with the walk beginning at 1:30 p.m. More information will appear in the next newsletter, or you can contact Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436, or fonda.gormer@comcast.net.





Aug

Calendar of Events



- Fri-Sat 1-2 Women of Faith** - Patriot Center, Fairfax, VA
Sun 3 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship at Salem
Thu 7 UMW Bee-liers - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 14 Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 23 Faith Builders Youth Group Kick-Off Pool Party - 1:30 p.m. at Mueller's home
Sun 24 Blessing of the Backpacks - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship at Salem
Thu 28 Faith Builders Youth Group weekly meetings begin - 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 30 Hiking Group - 10 a.m. (Hiking the trails of surrounding State Parks)

Recurring Events: Food Pantry is open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 Youth Group meets every Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem (beginning August 28)
 The church is cleaned Friday or Saturday every week
 Hiking Group meets the last Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 176 of our readers via e-mail. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 49 cents First Class postage rate.

Faith Builders Youth Group ready to begin fall season of activities

- By Wanda Barkdoll
 Faith Builders, welcome back! The Faith Builders (middle school and high school youth) will meet on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., with a pool party, to open the fall season of youth activities, and to also welcome the new members to the group.
 The pool party will be held at the Mueller's home. They have graciously offered again to have the party at their home. Please come to have a great time, enjoy and meet the new members, and, as always, there will be plenty of food. See you there.

Our "Lord's Acre Project" turns

55
this year!

"Works in Progress" Praise Band: now 3 years old

Photo by Sarah Burier



"Works in Progress" Community Praise Band at Salem's Ice Cream Social • July 20, 2014

- By Lori Williamson
 July marks our 3rd year together. That is hard to believe—the time has gone so fast. I'm proud of our accomplishments and to be a part of such a great group of people. A place where we can openly praise the Lord with our hearts, minds and talents. I think it's safe to say that our souls find much peace and sustenance in being a part of "Works In Progress." With that, we are compelled by God to try to share that peace with others.

Praise Band upcoming appearances

- Sun Aug 10 - Salem 9:00 a.m. traditional worship & 11:15 a.m. contemporary worship
- Sun Aug 24 - Salem 11:15 a.m. contemporary worship
- Sat Sept 13 - Lord's Acre Festival, 2:00 p.m. at Wolfsville Ruritan Park

United Methodist Women

Salem Bee-liers to knot comforter at next meeting

- By Fonda Gormer
 The Bee-liers will work on knotting a comforter for the Lord's Acre Festival at their next meeting on Thursday, August 7th. If the group is not able to complete it that evening, they will continue the next morning.
 Also at the August meeting, they will review food prices and start planning for food preparation for the Lord's Acre Festival, set for September 13th.
 The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on August 7th in the church social area. All women of the church are invited to take part.

Who's Doing What, When?

AUGUST

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers

- 3 - Mary Cline
- 10 - Dennis Leatherman
- 17 - Robin Haupt
- 24 - Donald Stottlemeyer
- 31 - Brenda Freysz

Ushers

- 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
- 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
- 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
- 24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman
- 31 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer

Greeters

- 3 - Bob & Petie Stup
- 10 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
- 17 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Randy & Brenda Freysz
- 31 - Andrea Palmer

Acolytes

- 3 - Paul McCormick
- 10 - Jadie Buhrman
- 17 - Kenslie Buhrman
- 24 - Joshua Koons
- 31 - Jerod Lenhart

11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's sermon, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, prayer, and multimedia to enhance the worship experience.

It's Your Day!

August Anniversaries

- 6 - Adam & Rachel Stottlemeyer
- 22 - Lee & Lora McGraw
- 29 - Kent & Polly Miller
- 29 - Andrew & Sarah Haddock
- 29 - Richard & Anita Harshman

August Birthdays

- 3 - Susan Koons
- 6 - Jeff Harshman
- 9 - Sara Burwell
- 12 - Matt Tolland
- 13 - Joey Lynch Jr.
- 15 - Danny Zimmerman
- 17 - Timothy Doyle
- 17 - Colleen Snyder
- 18 - Amy Burwell
- 18 - Jerry Draper
- 19 - Meagan Wagaman
- 21 - Valentina Barkdoll
- 24 - Rhea Poling
- 26 - Kenslie Buhrman
- 28 - Curtis Nelson
- 30 - Camilo Barkdoll

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.



CHILDREN are welcome to stay with their parents during the worship services. Children activity bags are available in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. The small tote bags contain Bible story books, small games, activity books, crayons, activity cards, etc. Please return the activity bags to their place in the hallway at the end of the service.

Looking ahead...



Saturday
September 13, 2014

Wolfsville Ruritan Park

"New" Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.

"New" Auction Time: 6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

Sunday, August 3, 2014
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



Sticky Buns For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers", Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns. The buns can be purchased directly from Anita for \$12 per dozen. To place an order, call Anita at 301-293-2080. Orders can be placed at any time; and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

LORD'S ACRE: "NEW" STARTING TIME

This year's ~~Lord's Acre Festival~~ will begin **two hours earlier... at 2 p.m.** The **auction will start at 6 p.m.** The goal is to end the festival before it gets dark. New parking arrangements are being worked out since the ball field will not be available.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



August

By Gertrude Rudberg

I love the brooks and whispering streams
That flow so gently on;
I love the lakes where sunshine gleams,
The ponds reflecting song.

I love the open countryside,
The hills and valleys too;
I love the meadows, flowered wide
With asters brightly blue.

I love the fields of tassled corn,
The land with golden grain;
I love the misty silent morn,
The footstep of the rain.

I love the sound of birds on wing,
The rustling of the leaves;
I love the words that branches sing,
The soft and soothing breeze.

I love the mountains far away,
The coolness of the night;
I love the stars in wide array,
The moon so wise and bright.



Don't Count the Years

By Val Becklund

Don't count the years . . . they go so fast;
Just count real friendships made . . . they last.
Then count the memories of the past;

Memories of a golden sunrise,
Full moons that silvered lakes and skies,
All nature's glow that reached the eyes.

Don't count the years. Just think of days
That you have tried your best always . . .
That's how a youthful spirit stays.

Don't count the years. Just count good things
That you have done, that each day brings.
You've helped someone and your heart sings.

Don't count the years now gone before . . .
Just look ahead, look through life's door,
And count God's blessings still in store!

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.



RECIPE



SQUASH CASSEROLE

2 lbs. yellow squash	1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt	dash of black pepper
3 tablespoons butter	1 cup cracker crumbs
1 cup grated cheese	1/2 cup milk
1 egg	

Cook squash and onion until tender. Remove from heat, add salt, pepper and butter. Add cracker crumbs, half of the grated cheese, milk and egg. Stir until well blended. Pour into casserole, sprinkle with remaining grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Serves 8.



Simplicity

By Lillian Burns Hudson

I'm thankful for such simple things:
As butterflies with colored wings,
For every bird that sweetly sings,

For buttercups and daisies, too,
For clover sweet and violets blue,
For little pearls of morning dew,

For cooling drops of summer rain
That fall upon my windowpane,
For grazing sheep and golden grain,

For every creature large or small,
For painted foliage in the fall,
For majestic trees that stand so tall,

For children laughing as they play,
For beginning of each bright new day,
For gurgling brooks that glide away,

For gentle word and kindly hand,
For faith to follow God's command,
For friendships strong as iron band.

There are so many simple things
That to our lives much comfort brings
And make us great as reigning kings.

So may we ever thankful be
For birds and brooks and forest tree
And ever note . . . simplicity.

At the end of the day, the only
questions I will ask myself are...
Did I love enough? Did I laugh
enough? Did I make a difference?

Age

By O. Thomas Kolb

Age is just a state of mind,
A word to mark the years,
But attitude will help a lot
To neutralize our fears.

Age is something we can't stop,
Regardless how we try,
But we can face it with that hope
That we shall never die.

Age must come to all of us,
Along with graying hair,
And the wrinkles are depressing too,
Along with wear and tear.

So, if age is just a state of mind,
Tell my body that,
So I can think I'm young again
Instead of growing fat.

Submitted by Olive Kline

Comfort & Hope

By Laura A. Barter Snow

God is in every tomorrow,
Therefore I live for today,
Certain of finding at sunrise,
Guidance and strength for the way;
Power for each moment of weakness,
Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

Because He lives, we live.



Pastor's Notes... Worship in August

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

The Creation Music Festival and Vacation Bible School were great events this year. And the Ice Cream Social and Balloon Launch captured what many are feeling at this point in the summer—the desire to take time to enjoy good friends, good food, and good fun.

Several opportunities to fellowship are yet to come this summer: the Hiking Group is meeting August 30 for a hike, Women of Faith is August 1-2, and the Faith Builders Youth Group is kicking off the new school year with a pool party on August 23.

Children, remember to bring your backpacks to worship on August 24 to be blessed for the new school year.

August is also a time when we attend the festivals of other congregations in our community and step up preparations for our own Lord's Acre Festival on September 13th.

Please remember that Lord's Acre has a new start time this year — 2 p.m.

During worship this month, we'll complete our sermon series "Twelve Ordinary Men," and we'll spend the last two Sundays of the month reflecting on keeping God first, at home and outside the home. Please check out the many articles in this issue of our *Mountain Shepherd* newsletter. They provide a great snapshot of the life and work of our congregation. Also, much useful information is available at our church website, www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

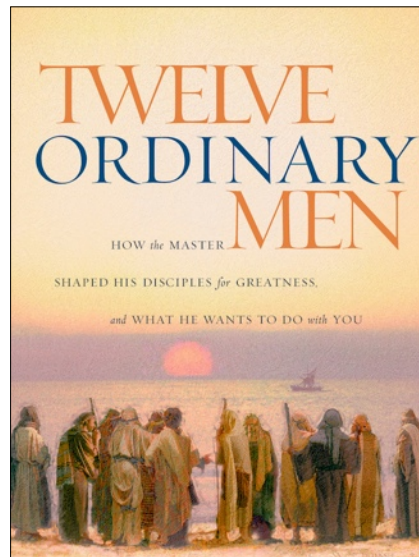
God Bless, —Pastor Bob

August 3 – Holy Communion

Luke 6:15, Matthew 10:4

**Twelve Ordinary Men Sermon Series
"Simon, the Zealot"**

The zealots were an armed political faction whose goal it was to actively oppose their Roman occupiers. The methods of the zealots included the



Sermon Series: "Twelve Ordinary Men"

assassination of Roman soldiers.

Simon, one of Jesus' apostles, had been a zealot. Imagine the transformation that had to take place in his life for Simon to follow Jesus and his ways. Jesus chose a zealot full of hatred to be his apostle and showed him that love conquers hate. Jesus also chooses you and me, and transforms our lives.

August 10

John 14:22

**Twelve Ordinary Men Sermon Series
"Judas (Not Iscariot),
the Apostle with Three Names"**

This is not Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus. This Judas was tender-hearted and a humble follower of Jesus. One day he asked Jesus, "But Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world? Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My father will love him and we will make our home with him'" (John 14:22-23).

Jesus was as tender with the answer as Judas was with the question. Conversation with God is made easy when it has become a natural part of our lives through daily practice.

August 17

John 6:64, Psalm 55:12-14

**Twelve Ordinary Men Sermon Series
"Judas, the Traitor"**

This is Judas, the one who betrayed Jesus. Somewhere along the line, Judas became lost and refused God's grace. We want to know, "What was the cause?" Was it his disillusionment with Jesus' non-violent methods? Was it his greed? Was it hypocrisy? Was he a coward?

Perhaps there were elements of all of these in Judas Iscariot. But in the end, it was his refusal of Jesus that undid Judas.

He refused the lifeline Jesus held out to him. Jesus is holding that same lifeline out to us to make the same choice—receive or refuse.

August 24

Joshua 24:15

Keeping God First – At Home

Keeping God first starts with us as individuals then moves to our family. After the Israelites escaped slavery in Egypt and had entered the Promised Land, Joshua led the people to renew their covenant with God. "Now fear the Lord (give him the greatest respect) and serve him with all faithfulness," he said. Then he led by example making this public commitment, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:14a, 15b).

Keeping God first — it begins with moms and dads setting an example their children can follow.

August 31

Micah 6:8

Keeping God First – Outside the Home

Our faith cannot last long if it is confined to us, our families, and our homes. The flame of faith needs the oxygen of the world to shine brightly. At church, in the workplace, at the civic organization, out hunting or on the golf course, at the children's school or activity.

"What does the Lord require of us? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8).

John Wesley reminds us, "There is no holiness but social holiness." We become more holy; we become more like Christ as we live and work and play in community.

The Creation Experience • June 25-28, 2014

Salem folks who attended Creation in June, some for the first time, told us about their experiences, their impressions, and the ministry. And due to the large size of our group this year, we were assigned a campsite closer to the main stage than in previous years.

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■ **By Sarah Stull**

Creation 2014 was so amazing! It was definitely the highlight of my summer. My favorite part was getting to experience it with my church. I always have fun with them.

At Creation, I experienced my first concert and it was fantastic! The mosh pit was huge and there was so many people. I discovered so many great bands there.

We did so many fun things like hiking and bull riding. Also, we told scary stories, made s'mores, and played lots of card games. I had so much fun doing everything with my church.

Creation grew me closer to my church and everyone there, which I am so thankful for. I can't wait to go back next year.

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■ **By Maggie Williamson**

Creation was a lot of fun. We met so many people and I had a lot of fun with my friends. I also loved the concerts and seminars.

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■ **By Maddie Sheng**

I loved it because I had a fun experience getting to meet new people and spending time with friends.

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■ **By Josh Koons**

First, I would like to thank my church family for this opportunity to go to Creation. This was my first year at the Christian Creation Festival. It was an experience I'll always remember.

When I was first reading about what was going on at Creation, I was very excited about some of the bands that were going to be there, but a few pages later I realized people were also going to be talking the whole time! I saw all of these names that were listed to speak.

Although, the seminars turned out to be quite amusing and, some were really inspiring, one man who spoke met God through playing for the Colts in the NFL. He said that he had a teammate that read the Bible after each game (win or lose). The teammate also asked the speaker if he knew God. At that time he said "No," mainly because he didn't know that was

something important. Yet, now he does know, and I can assure you of that, after listening to his humorous speech.

I believe after having this experience, my relationship with God has definitely grown through song, speech, and the Spirit. One of the music artists was Tobymac. He was my favorite singer at Creation. His most popular song is titled "Speak Life," and for me he did just that.

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■ **By Lori Williamson**

It was a great experience to be in the company of so many Christians, 55,000 was quoted in the Harrisburg paper. I found it liberating to be in a place for several days where everyone's main, united focus was to freely and openly praise God with no worry of it's acceptance. I think they call that Utopia or pretty close to Heaven! To Sue Ellen and Wanda, thanks for organizing the trip... you did a great job despite forgetting the mustard... :-)

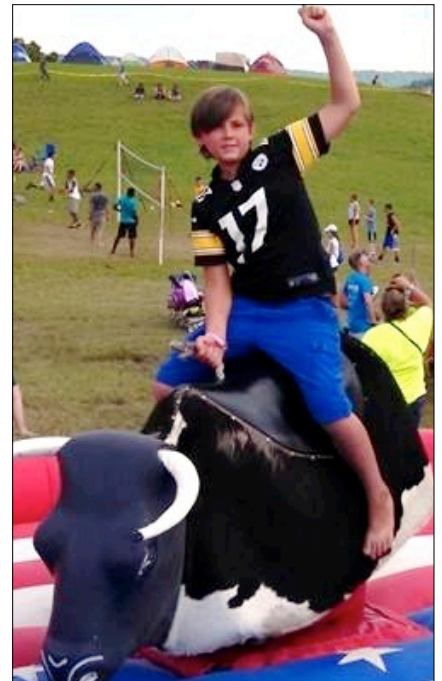
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■ **By Noah Taveras**

I had an awesome time at Creation. My favorite part was the rides... the zipline, the mechanical bull, and the bungee jumping. I had a lot of fun doing them with the other kids. I also really liked all the concerts that we went to. The music was great and REALLY loud! Chris Tomlin was my favorite performer. I can't wait to go to Creation again next year!

Thank you, Aunt Sue Ellen, Miss Wanda, and Miss Dawn, Pastor Bob, and Miss Donna for making a great time for us.

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & Joe Hawkins



Scenes from the Ice Cream Social & Balloon Launch

Photos by Diana Leatherman, Sarah Burrier, & Wanda Barkdoll

LARGE CROWD LAUNCHED MORE THAN 150 BALLOONS

JULY 20, 2014 — With the count of 3-2-1, the balloons headed skyward, and then immediately headed northwest. Each balloon had a yellow card attached with the name of the person who launched it.

Did you know that July was National Ice Cream Month and the day of our Ice Cream Social was National Ice Cream Day? A coincidence indeed.

Our thanks to Randy and Karen of South Mountain Creamery for donating five flavors of ice cream: chocolate, vanilla, grapenut, black raspberry, and orange pineapple.



More scenes from the
Ice Cream Social & Balloon Launch

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Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.



Children 0 to 3 years

Teacher: Caroline Buhrman

Children 4 years to Grade 2

Teachers: Michael & Jennifer Burrier

Children Grades 3 to 5

Teachers: Joy Young, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton, Kathy Laky

Middle School & High School Youth

Teacher: Fonda Gormer

Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

Teacher: Bill Burrier

Men's Class

Teachers: George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman, and Dennis Leatherman

Women's Class

Teachers: Mary Cline & Darlene Burrier

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. —Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)



BASEBALL GAME

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was. "We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile. "Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged." "Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face... "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."

ADOPTED?

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption... I was adopted." "What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child. "It means," said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!"

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The most powerful position on earth is kneeling before the Lord of the universe.

With God as your navigator, you're headed in the right direction.

Kindness is Christianity with its working clothes on.

The God who created a way for our salvation can certainly see us through our daily trials.

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9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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