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Salem is planning to attend Women of Faith August 21 & 22 in Philadelphia, PA

women of faith™ 2015

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— THE FAREWELL TOUR —

THE LINE UP

 Building 429	 Patsy Clairmont	 Mary Graham	 Nicole Johnson	 Marilyn Meberg	 Nichole Nordeman
 Luci Swindoll	 Anna Trent	 Sheila Walsh	 Thelma Wells		

Salem is planning to attend Women of Faith again this year. The theme is "Loved." This year's event will be held Friday and Saturday, August 21-22 at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, PA. The times will be Friday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MUSIC THAT MOVES

STORIES THAT STRENGTHEN

TEACHING THAT TRANSFORMS



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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.

2015 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)	-----	\$1,202.24
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$551.29
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$660.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$338.00
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	\$587.00
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)	-----	\$2,223.87
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$210.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2015)	-----	\$0.00

2015 Goal: **\$17,076** • Total Mission Offering to date: **\$8,652.82** • % of Goal: **51%**

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. 11

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Nicaragua

Ronnie and Angi Hopkins are on home leave from their mission work in Nicaragua and are spending some time visiting churches that provide financial support for their ministry there.

On Sunday, July 12, Ronnie, Angi, and Peanut visited our 9 a.m. traditional service. Ronnie and Angi spoke to the congregation about their ministry in Nicaragua. Their main focus is to train Christian leaders, i.e., pastors, Sunday School and Bible School teachers, youth leaders, etc. In their teaching, they provide resources to help them become more effective leaders for Christ, sometimes helping to build or renovate buildings dedicated to Christian service. Their goal is to show how to teach and provide support, as the Nicaraguans learn and sharpen their skills to spread the Word of God. *[Salem provides \$64 monthly for this project.]*



Ronnie, Peanut, and Angi

At St. Mark's Lutheran Church . . .

Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School



CONQUERING CHALLENGES WITH GOD'S POWER

■ By Fonda Gormer

God has the power to comfort. God has the power to provide. God has the power to heal. God has the power to forgive. God had the power to love us forever. Hold on!

These were the Bible points explored at the *Everest-Conquering Challenges with God's Power* Vacation Bible School held July 13-17 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Our twelve students learned new songs, enjoyed skits and film clips, and explored Bible stories and activities.

They experimented with snow seed, bubble boosters and Incrediballs that "healed" themselves together. They made mosaic crosses and mountain climbers. Snacks and kickball were a hit as usual.

The offerings for the week totaled \$206.25. The money will be given to Aidan Marker and his family.

We would like to thank the volunteers who assisted with the student groups, prepared and served the snacks, led recreation time, and taught at the various stations. A big thanks to the Wolfsville Ruritan Club to their faithful financial support for the Community Vacation Bible School each year. A big thanks also to



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KIDS - (Front row) Delilah, Patrick, E.J., Aspen, and Jessica, (Back row) Loralli, Emma, Darcy, Josie, and Shelby. Students not present for the picture: Payton and Breannah.

South Mountain Creamery for providing milk and ice cream.

And most of all we thank our students and their families for coming out

for VBS— if you ask any of our kids, they will surely tell you how much fun they had! God has the power to love them forever!

Salem Mission Project No. 17

SUMMER'S MOSQUITOS REMIND OF MALARIA

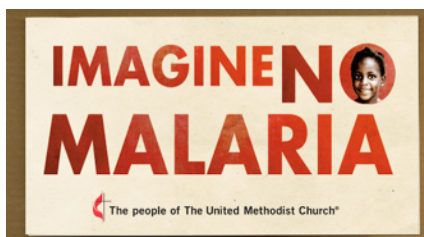
■ By Fonda Gormer

Have you had any mosquito bites yet this summer? Our hot, wet summer sure is making them grow.

Now imagine that each mosquito has the power to kill you! In countries of Africa, where it is hot and humid much of the year, the water needed for drinking and every-day use is the breeding ground for mosquitos carrying the parasite that causes malaria.

While malaria has largely been eradicated in the United States through prevention and treatment, between 350 million and 500 million people are still infected each year, mostly in Africa.

In 2014, Salem's Administrative Council pledged a total of \$2820 to "Imagine No Malaria," an effort of The United Methodist Church to raise \$75 million to eliminate death and suffering from malaria in Africa. Our pledge is to be paid by December 31, 2015. If each



adult or member donates \$18, we will reach our goal. We still need \$482 to meet our commitment.

If you have already contributed to "Imagine No Malaria," thank you very much. If you have not contributed, imagine what it would be like to know that the next mosquito bite you receive could be your last, and help us reach our goal. You can note "Imagine No Malaria" on your offering envelope, or pick up one of the special donation envelopes at the "Imagine No Malaria" display in the church hallway.

For each \$40 contributed, we will swat one of the mosquitos from the display. There are 12 mosquitos to go!

Your dollars will help provide clean water sources, education, sleeping nets to prevent bites, health clinics and medicines for treatment.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA!



Attendance Offerings

June 2015

	Worship*		Sunday School	
June 7 -	80	\$3,148.20	49	\$265.00
June 14 -	103	2,268.75	66	167.70
June 21 -	78	2,263.13	49	147.00
June 28 -	88	1,925.75	56	135.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$2,326.00
 - Building Fund: \$516.97
 - Pavilion Fund: \$140.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$25.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
June	87	55
May	87	49
Apr	106	61
Mar	83	59
Feb	96	50

Average Attendance Jan-June 2015
 Sunday Worship: 91
 Sunday School: 55

Mission Project No. 13 Letter from our sponsored child



Dear Salem:

Praise the Lord. How are you? I am fine. Now I am in class XII. I am studying very well. I am happy to write you always. Summer has started here. Here, two days have nice rain. This month I will participate in summer camp. I am also learning how to make craft items like candles, paper flower bags, etc. Do you like craft items? This month also I will participate in a debate competition. Please pray that I can do well. All my family members are grateful for your love, prayers and support. Please keep praying for all of us. Thank you. — Santanu Sing, East India

Tandem ... A Weekend for Two February 12-14, 2016

By Dawn Nelson

Salem UMC couples, mark your calendar for a fun-filled weekend at Sandy Cove Ministries, located above the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay in North East Maryland.

This weekend will help you connect with God and each other. The cost is \$498 per couple. This includes two nights lodging, six meals, snacks, program and activities. So start saving up for a time to relax, talk and fall in love all over again.

For more details, contact me at 301-293-9988.

Worship Through Giving — Tithes & Offerings

By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The scriptures tell us we will be blessed by our giving ministry and God will be pleased (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don't give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people's lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7).

..... WAYS TO GIVE

◆ Worship Services Plate Offering

Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

◆ By Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to Church Treasurer, Salem United Methodist Church, 12477 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

◆ Electronically Online (Safe & Secure)

Salem is now offering the convenience of online giving. Go to our church website and select GIVE. Sign into your account on the secure server at Vanco Payment Solutions, a United Methodist endorsed service. You may set up recurring giving, e.g., weekly, monthly, or give one time. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write and you may change your giving amount at any time. This is a personal choice. Salem members who have already signed up for electronic giving are pleased with the 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



Aug

Calendar of Events



- Sun 2 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Thu 6 UMW Bee-lievers - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Tue 11 Weekend Food Backpack Program Distribution - 6:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 13 Administrative Council meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 20 Youth Group meets - 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri-Sat 21-22 Women of Faith - Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, PA

Recurring Events: Food Pantry is open every Tuesday 6:30-7:30 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 20)
 The church is cleaned Friday or Saturday every week

Newsletter Distribution

- 1. E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 188 of our readers via e-mail. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- 2. 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.
- 3. First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 49 cents First Class postage rate.

Middle School & High School Youth

Faith Builders Youth Group to resume weekly meetings

■ By Wanda Barkdoll

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and school will start soon. There is a lot of energy to start our weekly meetings again, and to learn new things as Christians.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 2015, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the church, and every Thursday thereafter.

To welcome everyone back, there will be a "Pool Party" on Sunday, August 23, 2015, at the Mueller's home, starting at 1:30 p.m. Parents are welcome. We hope to see you there. God bless you all.

THANK YOU — Howard and Betty Brandenburg would like to thank the church for meals supplied to them during the last few months. Also, thanks to Pastor Bob for suggesting the need to the Bee-lievers. Also thanks to Anita Harshman for weekly coordinating the project of love. We thank God for such loving and caring friends.



FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS — Dawn and Curtis Nelson hosted a Hawaiian luau for the volunteers of the Salem Food Pantry. Dawn Nelson, Salem's Food Pantry Team Leader, said, "It was nice to be able to enjoy an evening of fun, as those nights at the Food Pantry can become challenging when we greet those that are in need. Please keep our families of the food pantry in your prayers. Just in one week we had three families in great need. One family is faced with losing their home, another woman is being abused by her alcoholic partner and dealing with major health issues, and another family was kicked out of their rental and seeking help. So we are faced with a lot of heavy stories when these families come in to our pantry. We have served over 54 families in the last three years of keeping records. Our church should be very proud of how we help those in need in our community!"

Get Out Your Walking Shoes

■ By Fonda Gormer

It will soon be time for the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk.

The 5-mile walk along local roads will be held Sunday, September 27, at 1:30 p.m. Registration is at Salem at 1 p.m.

CROP Hunger Walks raise money for hunger programs in the United States



and throughout the world. Twenty-five percent of funds raised are returned locally, split equally among the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank, and Salem's Food Pantry.

Sponsor forms are available. For forms or more information, contact me at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net

More information will appear in the September newsletter.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		AUGUST
Lay Readers 2 - Brenda Freysz 9 - Donald Stottlemeyer 16 - Gary Barkdoll 23 - Patrick Boyton 30 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	Ushers 2 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 9 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 16 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 23 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 30 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	Music 2 - Sara Weitzel 9 - Works in Progress 16 - Susan Koons 23 - Susan Koons 30 - Sara Weitzel
Greeters 2 - Steve & Joann Leatherman 9 - Richard & Anita Harshman 16 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 23 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman 30 - Patrick Boyton & Melissa Thornton	Acolytes 2 - Paul McCormick 9 - Jadie Buhrman 16 - Kenslie Buhrman 23 - Joshua Koons 30 - Paul McCormick	
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		Music Aug 9 - Works in Progress Praise Band Aug 23 - Works in Progress Praise Band

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
- 11 - Cathie Elsbach
- 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.

Looking ahead...



Saturday
September 12, 2015
 Wolfsville Ruritan Park
Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.
Auction Time: 6:00 p.m.

GOD'S WORD TO BE RETURNED TO GOD'S EARTH

Collecting until August 9th

If you have a Bible that is in poor condition, and you do not desire to keep it, Salem has a plan for respectfully disposing of it.

We are collecting old, well-used Bibles in a bin in the church hallway marked "Bibles", until Sunday, August 9.

After that time, we will plan a service to decommission these Bibles and respectfully bury them in our cemetery.

Holy Communion

Sunday, August 2, 2015
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers", Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns and Apple Pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. 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.

Think about this . . .

It's nice to be important,
but more important to be nice.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Woods in Summer

By Arthur Thatcher

The woods in summer is a quiet place
Except when roaming wild bird sounds its call;
There rests a sense of peace among the trees
Whose greater branches tower over all.

The woods in summer reach toward the sky.
Each walnut, oak and hickory appear
To stretch, as if to touch the fleecy clouds
That slowly move amid the atmosphere.

The woods in summer seem to welcome all;
And those who down its winding pathways trod,
While musing there on nature and her kind,
Have somehow felt a closer walk with God.

The Way of a Flower

By Harry E. Brainard

Sometimes a flower can express
In its own silent way
More love and faith and kindness
Than any words can say.

A flower growing by the road
Will lift its lovely head
And light the traveler's heavy load,
Although no word is said.

God gave them power to express
In their own silent way
More love and faith and kindness
Than any words can say.

The Faithfulness of God

By Beverly J. Anderson

Behold the faithfulness of God
Who cares when tiny sparrows fall
Who knows His children's every need,
And hearkens to us when we call.

Behold God's never-failing love
To those the apple of His eye.
In wisdom He will grant what's best,
And no good thing will He deny.

Behold the faithfulness of God.
Trust in His love. Rest in His calm.
God will for us provide a way . . .
He holds our world within His palm.



RECIPE



Rich Chocolate Chip Toffee Bars

2 1/3 cups flour
2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
1 egg (slightly beaten)
2 cups (12 oz. pkg.) semi-sweet chocolate bits, divided (1 1/2 c. & 1/2 c.)
1 cup coarsely chopped nuts
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated)
1 3/4 cups (10 oz. pkg.) Skor English Toffee Bits, divided (1 1/2 c. & 1/4 c.)

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 13x9x2 inch baking pan. In large bowl, stir together flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles course crumbs. Add egg, mix well. Stir in 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips and the nuts. Reserve 1 1/2 cups mixture. Press remaining crumb mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Bake 10 minutes. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over hot crust; top with 1 1/2 cup toffee bits. Sprinkle reserved crumb mixture and remaining 1/2 cup chips over top. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup toffee bits. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Makes about 48.

Submitted by Anita Harshman



I Like a Simple Life

By Virginia Katherine Oliver

I like a simple life . . .
Those things that day by day
Keep the whole world moving
In a special sort of way.

I like kindly neighbors
With children playing near,
And family get-togethers
With those I hold most dear.

I like quiet evenings
With friends out on the lawn;
I revel in the sunrise
And songs of birds at dawn.

I take certain pleasure
In working with the soil
And watching nature's gifts
Reward me for my toil.

I like a simple life . . .
For just such little things
Really are the greatest,
And each true pleasure brings.

Be doers of the word, and not
hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

—James 1:22

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **RICHARD FREYSZ** and **JAMIE BRIGHAM** who were united in marriage by Pastor Bob Snyder on July 10, 2015, at the pavilion at Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville.

Both are originally from the Myersville area, and graduates of Middletown High School. Richard is the son of Randy and Brenda Freysz and Jamie is the daughter of Randy and Tracy Brigham.

A barbeque picnic style reception was held at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park on July 11, 2015, honoring the newly joined couple.

IN SYMPATHY

The Salem congregation wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of **GALE L. KLINE**, 84, of Boonsboro, who died July 7, 2015, at Reeder's Memorial Home in Boonsboro. He was born in Wolfsville and was a member of Salem Church. Burial was at St. Mark's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Wolfsville.



Pastor's Notes... and Worship in August

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

I hope each of you is having a good summer so far and finding a bit of time to relax. August for many is a month of transition. The feel of summer continues in the beginning of the month, then in the latter days of August, there is a gradual shift toward getting ready for the start of a new school year.

The women of Salem are looking forward to their "Women of Faith" event, held this year in Philadelphia, Pa. I really commend our ladies for making the trip out of town to an event that has become so meaningful to them.

Our Faith Builders Youth Group will begin their weekly gatherings on Thursday, August 20, followed by a pool party kick-off event on Sunday, August 23, at the Mueller's. That same morning at worship, we'll bless the children's backpacks before the start of a new school year.

During August the pace of preparations for our Lord's Acre Festival picks up, and the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee and Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be planning and meeting.

This year "Move Up Sunday" will happen at the same time the public school year begins. It is the Sunday when our children move up to their next grade level Sunday school classes.

Please take some time to check out all the articles in this month's *Mountain Shepherd* and also go to Salem's website at www.salemchurchwolfsville.org. Much useful information is provided in both of these resources.

God bless and I hope the rest of your summer goes well for you. —Pastor Bob

August 2 – Holy Communion
"The Sacrament of Holy Communion"
Luke 22:15-20

We gather together at the table of the Lord's Supper to experience God present

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The start of the school year
symbolizes the opportunity
we all have each day,
whatever our age, for a
fresh start striving to live
as God's people. The same
God who created us and
died for us is with us every
day to help us.

among us, to give thanks for Christ's gifts of salvation and eternal life, to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness, and to be spiritually nourished to be the people of God.

Christ instructs us to partake in this meal. Our Lord says, "Do this." Over the centuries Christ's work through Holy Communion has sustained countless believers in their journey of faith.

It is the Lord's meal, one more gift freely given to us. It is good for us to receive God's spiritual nourishment in this meal as often as it is offered.

August 9

We are pleased to have Denny Leatherman leading worship and delivering the sermon.

August 16

"I Will"

1 Corinthians 13

I've presided at two weddings this summer, and attended a third as the Father of the Bride. In all three weddings, the couple declared their intention to enter into marriage.

The question asked of each couple was, "Will you live together in holy marriage? Will you love each other, comfort each other, honor and keep each other, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, be faithful to each other as long as you both shall live?" Each answered, "I will!"

Inspired by God, the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 describes the way God wants our "I will," as married couples, to be lived out in everyday life.

August 23

Blessing of the Backpacks
"New Beginnings"

Philippians 1:1-11

Here we are again. The start of another school year. The start of every new school year marks a new beginning. An opportunity to start fresh. Some of our children, youth, and young adults are going on to the next level school – middle school, high school, or college.

They're moving up to the next grade, or starting their careers. Each has an opportunity to continue good habits, learn from mistakes, and build new skills as they continue to learn and grow.

The start of the school year symbolizes the opportunity we all have each day, whatever our age, for a fresh start striving to live as God's people. The same God who created us and died for us is with us every day to help us.

August 30

"The Call to Parenthood"
1 Corinthians 13

Two weeks ago, 1 Corinthians 13 was presented as a guide to help married couples love each other and follow through with their commitment, "I will."

These same verses can guide a married couple in serving as parents. When we are married and have children, God calls us first to love and serve our spouse and children. Whatever else occupies our time and effort as a married couple with children – our career, our hobbies and interests, our volunteer efforts – God first called us to marriage and parenthood.

America is still the land of great opportunity. The pace and complexity of daily life in America and the world is ever increasing. Amidst all the opportunities, our heads sometimes left spinning with the hectic pace, home base must remain marriage and family. With our commitment and God's help, it will.

Scenes from . . .

Creation Festival 2015

MT. UNION, PA

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

Creation 2015 proved to be a bit of a challenge this year, as rain delayed our departure, and with all consideration of predicted weather, we had to come home a day earlier. But 30 youth and adults were able to have three good days enjoying excellent speakers and Christian bands. Our spirits and praising God were never dampened by the rain. Even a rainy day in camp, playing games, is a time for great fellowship and learning more about each other and our walk with Christ.

We were blessed again this year to have a large group to register months ahead, and reserve our camping spot very close to the main stage and other activities. As a long time attendee of Creation, I am not missing those long walks from the far away camp sites.

I must confess, the devil was working on me with this Creation trip, as he was making obstacles all along the way; from having to make the decision to delay our Wolfsville departure from Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday morning, to leaving Creation on Friday night.

At Creation, on Thursday, I attended one of the speaker sessions, and he talked about intentional prayer; praying each morning, God what do you want me, or need me to do today?

On Friday morning at 5:30 a.m., I woke up to my phone sending one alert after another, warning of heavy rains and flash flooding all day on Saturday. I became very anxious.

I was very thankful that this particular time we had a longer than usual walk to the 5-star porto-potties. I had my talk with God as I made my walk, and asked him, "God, please tell me what you need me to do, or want me to do to ensure everybody remains safe, yet still enjoy the most of the Creation Festival." I immediately felt very calm, and after calling home and talking with Vernon (my hubby), it became crystal clear what we needed to do.

As disappointing as it would be, it was the consensus of everyone that it would be best for all concerned to leave after the show on Friday night.

The youth were exceptional as they helped pack up our camp and have



Entering the Creation grounds.



Joe, Kaitlynn (first time at Creation), George, and Loralli

everything ready to go immediately after the show. A big "shout out" to Curtis Nelson and Lori Williamson who rearranged their work schedules to help get us up and back from Creation.

With a group this large, there are lots of logistics, and everybody pulled together to make the best of a not-so-positive situation. I am extremely proud of our youth, and very thankful for all the adults and the support of Salem that help make Creation a reality every year. I believe we all come away blessed in one way or another. God is good!

And I am still in awe each time I participate in Creation's candlelight service, as 70,000+ candles are all lit at once; the peace that overcomes the entire arena. And the messages of each speaker, the performances and testimonies by the bands, and the thousands that accepted the call to God into their lives. This is all truly a testament to the Creation Festival and the blessings one receives along with fellow Christians.

Until you personally experience Creation, you cannot fully understand how you will be blessed. I am already planning on Creation 2016. I hope you will consider joining us.

■ By Kaitlynn Grimes

My first experience at Creation was awesome! I met a lot of people there. They

Photos by Joe Hawkins, Wanda Barkdoll, and Sue Ellen Stottlemyer



Relaxing at the campsite.



Salem has a great front row spot. All eyes on the main stage.



At left, Gracie (first time at Creation). At right, Joe with the sisters that form the Christian group Love Collide, who performed at Creation.

were all very nice and helped me when I needed them. I REALLY enjoyed going to the concerts and listening to all the great music. I also enjoyed camping— that too was a new experience for me. Hiking to the lookout was fun. We saw a great view of Creation. I had a great time. I think I will go again next year.

■ By Gracie Szabo

This year was my first year going to creation and it was so much fun! It was a great experience camping and being around people from the church. We got to see many different bands play at the main stage. I saw a lot of different vendors that helped people spread the word of God. The food was great, but what was truly amazing is to see 100s of people come together and worship God.

Scenes from the

Ice Cream Social

Theme: A TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS ANNUAL EVENT

JULY 19, 2015 — Many new activities were added this year in place of the balloon launch: a horseshoe tournament, face painting, the Wolfsville Elementary Math Relay, Wolfsville Ruritan Relay, and the Wolfsville Fire Company Hose Off.

This year's theme was "A Tribute to Community Service" and our special guests were teachers and staff of the Wolfsville Elementary School, members of the Wolfsville Ruritan Club, and members of the Wolfsville Volunteer Fire Company.

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

Our thanks to Randy and Karen Sowers of South Mountain Creamery for donating the ice cream again this year, the Works In Progress Community Praise Band for providing the music, and everyone at Salem who worked so hard to make this event a success.

Photos by Diana Leatherman, Dawn Nelson, & Wanda Barkdoll



First Annual Salem Horseshoe Tournament winners

From left, 1st Place Meredith Harshman and Dennis Leatherman, 2nd Place Dennis Draper and Bill Buhrman, 3rd Place Dick Kline and Donnie Stottlemeyer.



More scenes from the Ice Cream Social

Photos by Diana Leatherman, Bill Burrier, Jim Laky, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer & Wanda Barkdoll



Wanda Barkdoll and Pastor Bob Snyder participated in the Fire Company Hose Off. Water balloons were used to “hose off” the shaving cream.



Sunday School Classes

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



Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: Caroline Buhrman

Children, Grades K to 3

Teachers: Michael & Jennifer Burrier

Children, Grades 4 to 6

Teachers: Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton

Youth, Grades 7 to 12

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)



Sunday after church, a mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the mom asked him what that morning's Sunday School lesson was about.

He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know — Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.

Others will know what "God is love" means when they see it in our lives.

Assurance of salvation is not in what you know but who you know.

God may lead us into troubled waters to deepen our trust in Him.

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TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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