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At Wolfsville Ruritan Park

### Plans underway for Lord's Acre Festival — September 8

Always the Second Saturday in September



**Food** (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

Homemade soups (beef vegetable, ham bean & turkey noodle), sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog & pulled pork), french fries, baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes, more), hand-dipped ice cream (South Mountain Creamery), soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water.

Crafts & Fancy Needlework (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

A wide variety of handmade fancy needlework and craft items will be on sale.

**Produce** (2:00-6:00 p.m.)

Fresh produce, fruits and vegetables.

Flea Tables & Plants (2:00-6:00 p.m.)
Household items and books in good

#### **Music Entertainment**

condition. Potted plants.

- Works in Progress Community Praise Band (Contemporary Christian)
   (2:30 & 5:00 p.m.)
- Randy Sowers (Southern Gospel) (4:00 p.m.)

**Children & Youth Activities** (2:00-6:00 p.m.) Games & other activities with prizes.

**Silent Auction** 2:00-5:00 p.m. Amy McCormick, Coordinator

Live Auction 6:00 p.m.

Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer



#### Lord's Acre Featured Ouilt

This year's featured quilt was designed by Judith Harne, the embroidery was done by Salem members and the beautiful hand quilting by the Zion Quilters of Middletown.

The quilt will be on display at the Lord's Acre, Sept. 8, beginning at 2 p.m. and will be the last item sold at the auction which begins at 6 p.m.

#### What is a Lord's Acre Festival?

The Lord's Acre program began as an interdenominational movement among country churches in western North Carolina in 1930, as a means of raising funds in small congregations with limited financial resources. A portion or "acre" of a church member's land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Livestock was also dedicated for this purpose. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other salable talent they possessed. The Lord's Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

Salem's Lord's Acre Festival, an annual event which began in 1960, works just that way. Most everything sold is donated by members and friends. What comes in is a surprise to everyone!



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#### Salem Membership Statistics:

Current Membership: 240 2018 New Members: 8

#### Salem Physical Facilities:

Church built 1847 Educational Building built 1967 Parsonage built 1974–75

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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.



## **2018 MISSION PROJECTS**

#### 2018 Goal

	Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	
	Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	
За.	Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)	1,180
3b.	Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - "All Pro Families Breakfast"	900
4.	Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
5.	Mary E. (AIM - France)	1,020
6.	United Methodist Board of Child Care	1,360
7.	Gideons (Frederick County, West)	600
8.	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	600
9.	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	600
10.	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	780
11.	Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	780
12.	Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	456
13.	Hero's Club after school ministry	4,500
14.	World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	420
	TOTAL GOAL for 2018	\$17,186

#### 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.

#### **MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES**

Salem Mission Project No. 11

#### Care Net Pregnancy Center, Frederick, MD

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to inspiring and empowering women and men in the greater Frederick area to make a positive choice for life. It is the premiere organization sought by women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. [Salem provides \$65 monthly to this mission project.]



#### 2017 Center Statistics:

- Total Clients Served: 652
- Pregnancy Test Clients: 193
- Ultrasounds Performed: 74
- STD/STI Clients: 30
- New Pregnancy Test: 126

- Repeat Pregnancy Test: 67
- Engaged in a spiritual discussion: 209
- Gospel shared: 81
- Clients that received prayer: 134
- Clients that made a profession of faith: 2

#### OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

#### Sunday

7am - 1 pm Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church) 6 - 7 pm Bible Study (at church)

#### Monday (day off)

6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9-11 am Planning Time (at home)
5-6 pm Hero's Club (at church)

#### Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

6-7 am Devotions (at home) 9 am - Noon Parsonage Office Noon - 1 pm Lunch

1-5 pm Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office

#### Saturday

7-9 am Final touches on Sunday's sermon (at home)

Also, Pastor Bob will be at church or in homes to attend meetings or check-in on evening activities at the church. He will make hospital visits and other visits as situations arrive. He will be working at home in Myersville, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.

Scenes from the

# Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School

July 9 through 13, 2018

## **Shipwrecked students** rescued by Jesus at VBS

■ By Fonda Gormer

We had a great week at Vacation Bible School (VBS) with our theme: *Shipwrecked* — *Rescued by Jesus.* 

Seventeen different children attended, and 17 different teens and adults assisted during the week.

There were songs, skits, crafts, crazy questions, Bible stories, videos about island animals, refreshments and games. The Bible points for the week included:

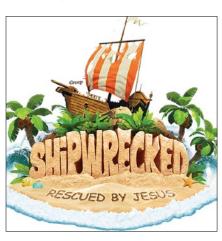
- When we are alone, Jesus rescues.
- When we worry, Jesus rescues.
- When we struggle, Jesus rescues.
- When we do wrong, Jesus rescues.
- When we feel powerless, Jesus rescues.
- What wonderful messages for all of us!

Sometimes we wonder if the message of Jesus' love gets through to our children, but on the Sunday following VBS at St. Mark's, the supply pastor, during the sermon, used the phrase "When we do wrong..." and one of the children who had attended VBS piped up, "Jesus rescues", one of our Bible points for the week.

Our offering of \$75 was donated to Church World Service to provide five hygiene kits in times of disasters.

Many thanks to the Wolfsville Ruritan Club for their continued financial support of our Community Vacation Bible School.

And a big thanks to our students, parents and volunteers who take time in their busy lives to learn and teach about the love of Jesus.





The Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a cooperative effort between Salem United Methodist, St. Mark's Lutheran and the Wolfsville Ruritan Club. VBS alternates every other year between the two churches. This year, it was Salem's turn to host the event. The coordinator at Salem is Fonda Gormer and Lois Kuhn is coordinator at St. Mark's.







Worshin\*

			Worship		
June	3	-	80	\$2,761.50	
June	10	-	90	2,310.00	
June	17	-	85	1,707.50	
Jun	24	-	84	2,864.00	

Sunday School			
53	\$255.00		
55 55	\$255.00 269.00		
47	123.00		
60	116.00		
	0.00		

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

\*\*Services canceled on Nov 19 due to power outage.

• Missions: \$910.00

• Building Fund: \$445.00

• Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00

• Building Addition: \$100.00

(Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

## June 2018

	Average Attendance			
	Worship	Sunday School		
June	85	54		
May	89	58		
Apr	98	55		
Mar	92	58		
Feb	80	51		

Average Attendance Jan-June 2018

Sunday Worship: 88 Sunday School: 54

# BUILDING COMMITTEE

Melissa Thornton (Chair) Michael Burrier (Secretary) Gary Barkdoll George Harne Fonda Gormer Kathy Laky Anita Harshman Bob Snyder Sue Ellen Stottlemyer Vernon Stottlemyer (Ex Officio) Denny Leatherman (Ex Officio) Bill Burrier (Ex Officio)

By Melissa Thornton, Building Committee Chair

The building committee is continuing to research the possibility of building an addition to Salem Church in order to enhance our ministries.

The committee is currently exploring plan options, such as the optimal ceiling height and the possibility of adding a loft in order to meet the current and future needs identified by the congregation in the survey.

Our next steps, as a committee, include touring additional multi-use facilities to

develop additional ideas for the proposed structure, getting some cost estimates, developing plans, budgets, funding options, and presenting these to the full congregation for a vote.

We also will continue to pray for God's direction.

Please feel free to contact me at 301-508-7165, or mrthornton79@gmail.com with any questions or concerns about the potential building project.

# 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, P. O. Box 94, 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. Create an 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.

Men's Ministry

## Salem Iron Men to meet in August

By Bill Weaver

**Fish Fry** — Sunday, August 5th, at 6:30 p.m., my wife Joyce and I will be hosting a Fish Fry at our home at 8931 Crystal Falls Drive for the Salem Iron Men and their spouses. Fish and drink will be provided by the Weaver's — covered dishes are welcome.



Frying Fish

**Iron Men Meetings** — The Iron Men will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings, August 12th and 26th in Salem's Fellowship Hall; and will be continuing with the *Wild at Heart/Band of Brothers* video series by John Eldredge.



Sat

# Calendar of Events

Thu 2 Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Thu 2 UMW "Bee-lievers" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

4 Garfield Picnic - Picnic woods, corner of Garfield Road & Brandenburg Hollow Road

Sun 5 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Salem

Sun 5 Salem Iron Men "Fish Fry" - 6:30 p.m. at the Weaver's home

Wed 8 Nominations & Leadership Development Committee - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Thu 9 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Sat 11 Mt. Bethel Picnic - Grove at corner of Stottlemyer Road & Ridenour Road

Wed 15 Building Committee meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Sat 18 Wolfsville Picnic - Smith's Picnic Grove, Wolfsville Road

Wed 22 Nominations & Leadership Development Committee - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Salem Iron Men meet 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem Women's Bible Study every WEDNESDAY 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Salem Praise Band practices every THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m. at Salem The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

#### **Newsletter Distribution**

- **1. E-Mail** We are currently notifying 208 of our readers via e-mail when our newsletter is posted online. 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 up to 30 copies, using the 50 cents First Class postage rate.

## Salem Nominations and Leadership Development Committee to meet in August

The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee will meet on Wednesdays August 8 and 22, at 7 p.m. at Salem, to nominate church leaders for 2019.

Members of the committee are: Pastor Bob Snyder (Chair), Dennis Leatherman, Anita Harshman, Theresa Haupt, Susie Stottlemyer, Cathie Elsbach, Holly Rippeon, Bill Buhrman, Camilo Barkdoll, Justinn Irons, and Stephanie Ward.

#### Salem Shirts being ordered

If you are interested in purchasing a shirt with the Salem logo, another order is currently being gathered.

To order, place your name on the sign up sheets at church or contact Wanda Barkdoll at 301-416-0882.

#### **CROP Hunger Walk... just two months away**

By Fonda Gormer

The annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 23, at 1:30 p.m. beginning at Salem.

The 5-mile walk raises funds for Church World Services hunger and disaster relief programs throughout the world. For more information or to obtain sponsor



records, contact me at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Salem Mission Project No. 1

#### A Note from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer — Retired Senegal Missionaries

First of all, thank you so much for your financial help to us and thank you for praying for us and for our family. We greatly appreciate the important part you've had in our lives for many years.

We continue to be very thankful for the health God is giving us, enabling us to remain involved in a number of things.

Nancy volunteered three days a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission for more than 11 years, but she has now retired from that. She still helps some for the mission's Thrift Store.

Frank also helps at least one day per week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission answering the phone, talking with men who are in the program to help them get back onto their feet. It is encouraging to see lives completely changed through the ministry of the Rescue Mission.

As far as our children, Lynn & Wanda

(Harney) both serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission.

Eric & Wendy are in the U.S. for six months from their ministry of teaching the Bible to the Badyaranké people in Senegal. Their youngest daughter was married last month. She & her husband are completing studies at Liberty University.

Rebecca, who is also usually ministering to the Badyaranké people, teaching them to read in their own language, helping them to read Scripture portions that have been translated into their language, and visiting throughout the village, is also in the U.S. for six months. Rebecca is living with us during her time here.

Gary, Lisa, & family serve at the New Tribes Mission retirement center for missionaries in Florida, doing grounds keeping, cooking, and interacting with the retired missionaries.

# Who's Doing What, When?

#### 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

#### **Lav Readers**

- 5 Dennis Leatherman
- 12 Mary Cline
- 19 Robin Haupt
- 26 Jennifer Gormer

#### Ushers

- 5 Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
- 12 Vernon Stottlemyer & Robin Haupt
- 19 Donald Stottlemyer & Meredith Harshman
- 26 Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

# **AUGUST**

#### Music

- 5 Sara Weitzel
- 12 Praise Band
- 19 Sara Weitzel
- 26 Sara Weitzel

#### Greeters

- 5 Richard & Anita Harshman
- 12 Holly Rippeon
- 19 George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemyer
- 26 Donald & Susie Stottlemyer

#### **Acolytes**

- 5 Loralli Snyder
- 12 Noah Taveras
- 19 Kenslie Buhrman
- 26 Josh Koons

#### 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 12 - Works in Progress Praise Band

Aug 26 - Works in Progress Praise Band

# It's Your Day!

#### **August Anniversaries**

- 6 Adam & Rachel Stottlemyer
- 7 Corey & Colleen Carter
- 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
- 16 Bill Weaver
- 17 Timothy Doyle
- 17 Colleen Carter
- 18 Amy Burwell
- 18 Jerry Draper
- 19 Meagan Wagaman
- 21 Valentina Barkdoll
- 24 Rhea Poling
- 26 Kenslie Buhrman
- 28 Curtis Nelson
- 29 Sandy Miller
- 30 Camilo Barkdoll

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

#### Lay Readers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to be Lay Readers during the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service.

The Lay Reader does three things during the service: (1) Opening Prayer, (2) Lord's Prayer, and (3) Scripture Reading.

You will read on a rotating basis along with 13 other volunteers who are currently in the rotation.

During the week, prior to the Sunday you are reading, Pastor Bob will advise you of the scripture so you can do some advance preparation before reading on Sunday.

If you would like to be added to the Lay Reader rotation, please advise Pastor Bob or Bill Burrier.

#### Hero's Club Adult Volunteers Needed

Hero's Club is in need of two adult volunteers, 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Mondays when school is in session. Volunteers would be assisting the two adult leaders. No prep work is required. Just show up and help for two hours each week. If you aren't able to sign up for the whole school year, consider volunteering for a month this fall and a second month next spring. The fall semester will begin in mid-September.

Contact Liz Waite at 302-682-3089 or Pastor Bob at 240-385-6833.

Holy Communion Sunday, August 5 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 240-818-0126. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

Mark your calendar

59TH ANNUAL LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL Sat Sept 8 • 2:00—7:00 p.m.





### August

By Gertrude Rudberg

I love the fields and countryside, The hills and mountains, too; I love the meadows flowered wide, The skies of azure blue.



I love the brooks and quiet streams, The rivers flowing on; I love the lakes where sunshine gleams . . . The ponds reflecting song.

I love the land with upturned face, The harrowed rows of grain; I love the leaves with turning grace, The footsteps of the rain.

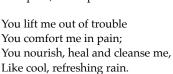
I love the sound of birds on wing, The rustling of the trees; I love the song that branches sing . . . The soft and gentle breeze.

I love the peace and quietness, The stars, the moon, the night; I love the hope of wakefulness . . . The mist of August light.

# You're Always There for Me

By Joanna Fuchs

When the world comes crashing in And chaos rules my mind, I turn my heart to you, Lord, And pure, sweet peace I find.



In times of joy and bliss, When things are going right, You lift me even higher, And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers; You hear my every plea; I'm safe because I know You're always there for me.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.



# RECIPE



#### **Blueberry Bundt Cake**

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons frozen (thawed) orange juice concentrate
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar

- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups blueberries
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

#### Directions:

In a mixing bowl, blend together eggs, buttermilk, oil and orange juice concentrate. Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to egg mixture and mix well. Gently fold in blueberries and pecans.

Pour into a greased 12-cup fluted tube cake pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack; cool completely.

In a small bowl, mix confectioners' sugar and lemon juice; drizzle over cake. Serve with whipped topping and additional blueberries, if desired.

Selected from "Our Iowa" magazine.



## My Gift

By Audrey Shoemaker

I gave my heart to Jesus; 'Twas all I had to give. He gladly took my offering And said, "Look up and live." He knew that what I needed Was cleansing from above. He emptied me of selfish pride And filled me with His love. I gave my life to Jesus; There was no other way. He made it something beautiful; He's in my heart to stay. He knew that I was lonely And needed company, So He sent His Holy Spirit To guide and comfort me. I gave my love to Jesus; It's joy beyond compare. We have a special closeness That no one else can share. I know that soon He's coming, So I will watch and pray, And keep in step with Jesus

There are no crown-wearers in heaven who were not crossbearers here below.

As I wait for that glad day.

#### I Look to God for . . .

By Julie Hess

Sometimes when heartache And sorrows come my way, And I feel like I have no strength To live another day . . .

I look to God for guidance To help me through it all; To pick me up off the ground And stand me straight and tall.

I look to God for patience To help me give things time; To somehow show me the answers That alone I could not find.

I look to God for reassurance To let me know it's okay; And to give me the strength I need To live another day.

#### Hope

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. They are but trifles, to be sure; but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable. —*Addison* 

The best way to get even is to forget.



# Message from the Pastor and Worship in August

#### By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

hope your summer is going well. We had a restful vacation at the beach in North Carolina with family. I hope you will be having an opportunity this summer for some rest and relaxation. It's important!

Salem had Vacation Bible School (partnered with St. Mark's), and the Community Ice Cream Social in July.

During August, we'll continue to enjoy summer and begin some planning for the start of the school year, fill leadership positions at Salem, and continue preparing for Lord's Acre and the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk.

We've been communicating the need for two adult volunteer helpers for the "Hero's Club" after-school ministry held on Monday afternoons during the school year. Please consider helping.

As I write this article, Wolfsville is having a thunderstorm, reminding me of God's great power and love and care for us. With such a great God, how can we not strive to be excellent in our own discipleship? In a fractured world, we'd all like to see some things change for the better. Let's be the change we'd like to see happen. Let's be the church!

Have a great rest of the summer. God Bless.  $-Pastor\ Bob$ 

#### August 5 Holy Communion "Truly Fed" John 6:24-35

John 6:35 – "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

We look to many things to feed us physically and emotionally but we remain unsatisfied unless we look to God to feed us. When we believe in and follow Jesus we are truly fed.

#### August 12 "Bending Our Will to God's" John 6:35, 41-51

John 6:45b – "Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me."

God gave us the ability to reason and the freedom to choose.

Our own will can be very strong sometimes, and when we put ourselves ahead of God we can make bad choices. Spiritual maturity involves learning to bend our will to God's.

# August 19 "Going Deeper" John 6:51-58

John 6:53 – "So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.'"

When we confess our belief in Jesus we are saved (Romans 10:9) and we can be confident in God's promise of eternal life (John 6:47).

With the hope this brings, we can focus on going deeper and deeper into relationship with God and living life to the fullest – the way God intended.

#### August 26 "God Is in Us" John 6:56-69

John 6:63 – "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."

We believe the Holy Spirit is all around us – on every side of us, all above us, and all underneath us. We believe the Holy Spirit is in us. God is in us! God is in us to help give us life!

Going deeper into relationship with God, becoming more obedient to God, following the example of Jesus more and more are not things we're left to do on our own. We can rely on the power of God to help us!

# The "Younger Generation" enjoying Salem's Ice Cream Social on July 15, 2018

More photos on pages 10 & 11











Scenes from the

# **Creation Music Festival**

June 26 through June 30, 2018

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll

# Largest group, from Salem, attended Creation this year

· By Wanda Barkdoll

A total of 33 people attended this year's Creation Music Festival in Mt. Union, PA.

We left on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, and arrived back in Wolfsville on Sunday morning July 1, around 2:30 a.m.

New people attended this year and we had a great time. Our personal Chef, Gary Barkdoll, cooked for us and made a delicious breakfast each day.

This year, instead of attending the sermon in the woods, we asked our youth to select different topics to discuss. They did an excellent job. Everyone contributed and we had a great discussion.

And to "top things off," two of our youth made a first-time decision to accept Christ as their Personal Savior. Praise the Lord!



# My First Time at Creation

Ainsleigh O'Brien: My experience at Creation was good. I enjoyed the music and hanging out with my friends. It was also my first time camping in a tent.

Katherine Higgins: Creation was astonishing. With its comfort, quality, and an overwhelming sense of acceptance, it felt like a second home. There were many beneficial future opportunities, such as colleges for both theology and secular majors. The entire experience was exceptional in creating beautiful memories to be treasured forever.









Scenes from the

# Ice Cream Social

National Ice Cream Day — July 15, 2018





Cornhole Champs 2018 Jack and Richard















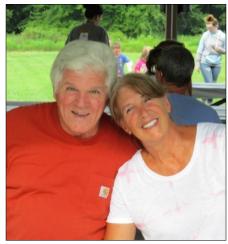


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# **Sunday School Classes**

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

#### Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: Caroline Buhrman

#### Children, Grades K to 2

Teachers: Michael & Jennifer Burrier

#### Children, Grades 3 to 5

Teachers: Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton

#### Youth, Grades 6 to 12

Teacher: Fonda Gormer

#### Young Adult Class

Teacher: Denny Leatherman

#### **Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles**

Teacher: Bill Burrier

#### Men's Class

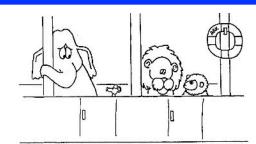
Teachers: George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman

#### 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)







"Noah may be a great shipbuilder, but he doesn't know a thing about animals."

#### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

It's never too late in fiction or in life to revise. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.

To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.

Happiness can't be far behind a grateful heart and a peaceful mind.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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Address Services Requested

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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