



On The Scene At Salem Church of Christ

This past Christmas season we focused on looking back at Christ's first advent, and looking forward to His next. We used this time to remind us to renew our relationship and commitment to Christ; remembering not only *that* he came, but also *why* he came.

New Year's Day also calls for renewal, reflection, and resolution (can anybody say "waist line"?). Wouldn't it be great if in 2012 we resolved to fully commit to Christ? Christ's church needs to make a "Spiritual Resolution;" one that points in positive direction.

As we move into 2012, we can resolve:

- **To prepare for our study opportunities** (i.e. Sunday School, Sunday and Wednesday night sessions, and small groups). Prepared learners learn more.
- **To review what we learn with at least one person within 48 hours of a lesson** (i.e. our children, spouse, sibling, friend, or co-worker). You don't know what you truly believe until you teach it to someone else.
- **To be less self-righteous and more aware of our own failings.**
Empathy relies on acknowledging our own need for God's grace.
- **To form a purposeful relationship with a specific pre-Christian.**
Your purpose is *not* conviction – that is the Holy Spirit's task. Your purpose is to first earn the right to be heard, and then to look for teachable moments.
- **To invite 4 pre-Christians to participate in any of our planned activities.** Remember, one-in-four is likely to respond positively to a *friend*.
- **To listen openly** to someone needing a friendly ear, and then **refuse to lecture** in return. People do not need lectures, they need Christ.
- **Speak lovingly** of God's gracious Good News.

We can do this because God will enable us. We truly can be *Changed People, Changing the World*.

Eric

Mt. 28:19 "As you go ..."

January 2012

Elders

Perry Bailey
387-3428

Karl Brockenbrough
268-1195

Joe Rutherford
380-4728

David Workman
344-4022

Deacons

Mike Calaway
389-5800

Pat Counts
387-1845

Scott Strickland
389-3034

Salem Church of Christ



The New Year

Dear Lord, as this new year is born
I give it to Thy hand,
Content to walk by faith what paths
I cannot understand.

Whatever coming days may bring
Of bitter loss, or gain,
Or every crown of happiness;
Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me
Thine angel hovers near
To bear me to that farther shore
Before another year,

It matters not - my hand in Thine,
Thy light upon my face,
They boundless strength when I am weak,
Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,
Grip fast my soul, and be
My guiding light upon the path
Till, blind no more, I see!

- - Martha Snell Nicholson



Congratulations

Emily Burton was presented with a new Bible for answering 100 Bible questions in her 3rd - 5th grade Sunday School Class.

Way To Go Emily!



In Bound: Ida Breeding, Bernice Camper, Roy & Viola Miller, Helen Morgan, Adren Stiltner & Dorothy Sample

At Home: Sylvia Bailey, Charlene Boone, Clark Cregger, Dennis Curley, Miriam Farmer, Emory Hall, Dixie Humphrey, Gordon Jarvis, Fil Lemmon, Rebecca Lemmon, Virginia Maxey, Carole St. Juste, & Nancye Woods

In Sympathy. . .
To The Family of Doc Long

WHEN WE MEET

Sunday Morning
Worship
8:15 AM

Sunday School
9:45 AM

Sunday Morning
Worship, PreK/K and
Journey Worship
10:45 AM

Sunday Evening
Worship
Youth 5 - 7 PM
6:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Study, Children
and Youth Programs
7:00 PM

*Nursery provided
at each meeting time*

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Return Service Requested



Ladies Ministry Meeting
Sunday, January 8th
4:45 p.m.
We hope to see you there!

Every Thursday Morning at 10
a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Current Study:
The Book Of Isaiah



Attendance

Bible School 8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

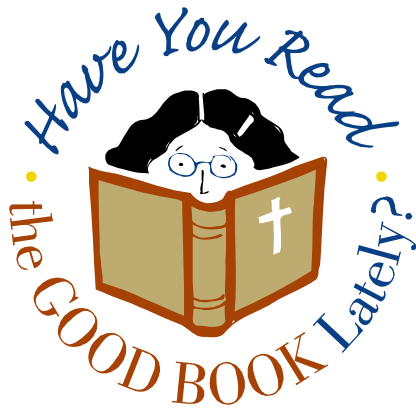
12-04	116	37	166
12-11	125	38	170
12-18	137	43	179
12-25			225

Evening Worship

12-04	42
12-11	45
12-18	46
12-25	cancelled

Wednesdays

12-07	54
12-14	55
12-21	62
12-28	59



Offering Totals

12-04 General	\$ 5,469.62
Missions	5,223.00
Building	2,010.00
Total	\$ 12,702.62

12-11 General	\$ 4,076.16
Missions	1,348.00
Building	924.00
Total	\$ 6,348.16

12-18 General	\$ 8,892.11
Missions	1,937.00
Building	1,142.00
Total	\$11,971.11

12-25 General	\$ 4,917.12
Missions	2,021.00
Building	680.00
Total	\$ 7,618.12



A love offering has been given in memory of Doc Long by Arthur and Barbara Barnhart.

A love offering has been given in memory of Doc Long by Perry and Sylvia Bailey.

A love offering has been given in memory of Doc Long by Kenny and Barbara Reynolds.

A love offering has been given in memory of Doc Long by Ted and Shirley Epperly.

A love offering has been given in memory of Doc Long by Harry and Judy Haskins.



Saturday, January 28th
6:30 p.m.

We will be hosting the Men's Fellowship in January.

ALL MEN ARE INVITED!