

## The Salem Stimulus

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## Under the Overpass

### A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America

This fall, Salem will journey with Mike Yankoski and his friend Sam as they purposefully become homeless to "find out if they could actually be the Christians they said they were apart from the comforts they'd always known" and to "discover what it feels like to be homeless in America."

Along the way their circumstances challenged their friendship, threatened their health, and forced them to examine how people, including Christians, treat those who look, live, or (if someone's been on the street for a while) smell different than themselves.

This book doesn't attempt to solve the complex problem of homelessness, and it doesn't tell us how to feel about the issue. It provides firsthand experience and opportunities for discussion about faith and the faces of homelessness. How can we act Christ like towards the homeless? The answer might surprise you.

Join us for the many opportunities to participate in this study! Childcare available at the Wednesday evening and Sunday morning groups.

Sunday Mornings

Samaritans, 115

9:30 a.m. Back to the Bible, 210

11 a.m. Seekers in Christ,115 Topical Class, 212 Laurie Murry, Dir. of Serving Ministries will lead this class

Tuesday Wednesday 7 p.m. "Pastor's Class"
6:15 a.m. Men's Morning Cup 115
6:30 p.m. Men's Evening Cup, 212
6:30 p.m. Sisters of Salem, 115

Unable to attend a group? Salem will have books available, discussion questions posted on the website, under "Church Resources"; and Pastor John will Facebook Live broadcast from the MEC class. Pastor John would appreciate any help with tech from folks attending MEC.



"When someone stopped to talk, even for a minute, the powerful underlying message was, 'I notice you, you're a human being and you're worth my time.'" **Pastor's Summer Book List**- Here is the list of books that the Pastors will be preaching on for the remainder of the summer:

Aug.	13	Surrendering to God	Keith Beasley-Topliffe
	20	Simply Good News: Why the Gospel is News and What Makes it Good,	N.T. Wright
	27	Screwtape Letters	C.S. Lewis

The Soul Food Ministry extends their sincere gratitude to all who blessed the Susan Schell Memorial Soul Food Ministry with food or monetary donations through both VBS and the June church service offerings. All donations go directly to providing food for the children, families and seniors we serve in our community.

Our ministry has grown and we are in need of more volunteers to pack and/or deliver food. Please consider volunteering– we would love to serve with you! We know you would find this Ministry rewarding. Thank you for your support!

Please contact Jerri Mulholland if you'd like to help at 717-979-9306 or jerrilm@gmail.com

Salem Seniors Luncheon will be on Thursday,

August 17th at T.J. Rockwell's. (896 W. Grantham Road,

Mechanicsburg). Please call Bob or Bonnie Shriner for reservations by August 14th at 774-9695.





The United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the church pavilion for a picnic.

Meat, drinks and paper products will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

We will be playing the game of Crazy Bingo. Please being a wrapped gift appropriate for nursing home residents (ex:

lotion, candy, cards, etc.) All gifts will be taken to a local nursing home.

Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of good food, fun and fellowship.



# Salem's Next Host Week is August 20-27! Sign up at www.volunteersignup.org/7HFR4

Salem will be collecting money during the month of August for lice kits for the West Shore School District. Why financial donations? Because Salem purchases the kits in bulk at a reduced cost. Checks can be made **out to Salem UMC with "lice kit donation" in the memo line; cash donations may be placed in an envelope labeled with "lice kit donation."** Donations may be placed in the offering plates/baskets during worship services. Thank you!





Salem will once again host Beth Moore's Living Proof Simulcast. This year's focus: "Captivated, the Wonder of Christ on the Winding Road." Tickets go on sale August 5. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Contact the office at 938-1928 for tickets or purchase tickets after church services beginning August 6.



Ashlyn Brtalik	Sam Mowery	
Luke Buzzard	Alex Ruppert	
Ava Du	Alayna Sanders	
Owen Duda	Ethan Shaw	
Matthew Fox	Ethan Small	
Allison Johns	Alex Mowery	
	Andrew Sylvester	

**Assistance Wanted**– Help is needed in managing Salem's Cemetery. This would involve the sale of lots, arranging for grave openings and grass seeding after grave closings. If interested, call the church office at 938-1928 or Ken Small at 938-2148.





### Christian Caregiving- a Way of Life

Salem's Stephen Leaders invite you to share your thoughts and insights about *Christian Caregiving – a Way of Life*. A few of the goals of this book study are to move toward accepting God as the curegiver, practice caring for one another, and experience Christian community. Overall, learning how you can help others in a distinctively Christian way is one way to become more like Jesus.

The first session will start September 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm and continue for four more sessions on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Nov. 13th. Contact Robyn Adams at 717-774-1602 or adamspage04@gmail.com for additional information or to sign up.



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends cleaning buckets to people who have the overwhelming job of cleaning up after floods and hurricanes. Dish soap (16-28 oz.) are needed for these buckets.

Please put the dish soap in the bin marked "Mission Central" in the Mission Corner.

### LIBRARY NEWS By Kathy Alford



Summer is the season for weddings. My son Brady got married on June 24 of this year. It was a beautiful wedding, and Brent and I are so blessed to have our new daughter-in-law Kaity in our lives. Brent and I will be married 38 years on July 28. We were still teenagers when we were married, and many folks thought we were too young and our marriage wouldn't last. Thankfully, we have grown together and our love grows stronger every day. Marriage is work. It is a lifetime commitment of forgiveness and compromise. Our church library is full of books to help marriages develop and last. Here are some of our titles:

#### Awaken Love: The Song by Kyle and Desirae Idleman

Whether you're dating, engaged, or have been married for years, THE SONG Small Group Study will help you understand Gods plan for relationships, love and marriage. Lessons are straightforward Bible teaching through The Song of Solomon.

#### For Better or for Best: Understanding Your Husband by Gary Smalley

Gary Smalley speaks to women and explains what motivates men and how wives can use their natural qualities and abilities to build a better marriage., Smalley offers empathy, humor, and wisdom to women who wish to more fully understand their husbands and love them better.

#### Men Are from Mars; Women Are from Venus by John Gray, Ph.D.

In this classic guide to understanding the opposite sex, Dr. John Gray provides a practical and proven way for men and women to improve their communication by acknowledging the differences between their needs, desires, and behaviors.

#### Fighting for Your Marriage by Howard J. Markman

This book uses the PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) approach. Studies have found that couples can use the strategies of this approach to handle conflict more constructively.

#### Love for a Lifetime by James Dobson

Encouraging and practical, this proven classic is perfect for every husband and wife who want to strengthen and celebrate their marriage relationship.





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Andre, Robert and Donna Armes, Bev Blatnick, Ammon Bollinger, John and Charlotte Brame, Jake and Fay Brown, Rick and Jan Burrows, Tammy Cahoon, Salem Campers at Camp Penn, Carol(Lou Lingelfelter's college roommate), Gary Cassell, Conway Family, Gene Donnelly, Crystal Duff and family, Marcia and Terry Duncan(death of her mother), Dunne, Linda Edmondson, Fathers, Tara Finkborder, Family of John Fritz(Michael Moody's friend), Samantha Freeman, Carolyn and Wally Funk, Michael Glass, Government Official's safety, Graduates, Dennis and Nancy Graybill's granddaughter, Grover, Family of Mary Grunden, Mary Gustin, Dan Hamme, Ken Hammon's Family, Haylie and Tori(Heatherington's granddaughters), Heather, Herk, Shirley and Don Howard (Gary and Jo-Ann Howard's father), Richard Hoke, Hose, Alice and Sam Jacobs, Linda James, Brother Jim, Aunt Elaine Johnson, Lynda Jones, her mother and her grandson, Joyce, Thomas Kane, Kenny and family(Teresa Green's mom's friend), Arlene Kowal, Susan Lehr's brother, Linda, Frankie Mailey, Sean McDonald(Marsha and Jim Uber's son-in-law) and family-death of Sean's father, Jay and Deb McKiernan, Mike, Michael Moody(loss of best friend John Fritz), Donna and Dr. Sam Mowery, Nan, Laura North's family(friend of Diane Wert) Jim and Judy Novinger(loss of Jim's father-Quentin Novinger), Deb Oakley's family and her mother-in-law, Alice Orlandi, Our President and Legislatures, Jeanette Payne, People with cancer, drug and alcohol problems, Karen Pepperman, Phyllis, Eleanor Reichel(Linda Young's aunt), Lorie Reichel(Linda Young's cousin), Shawn Rupp and children, Jessie Sanders, Danie Scheib(death of her uncle), Becky Schylaske, Scott, Dave Shafer, John Shank, Mark Shank, Allyson Smith and Uncle David, Sosik Family, Edna Spahr, Heidi Stahl, Heidi Stahl's sister-in-law), Denise Stefanon(Linda Young's sister-in-law), Ray Steward, Aunt Terri, Tosh and family, Treichler Family(death of son Bryce), USS Fitzgerald Sailors, Hose Valentine, Tom W., Rick Wagner, Spencer Welsh, Gary Wert, Beverly Woodell, Donnie Wright, Kyle Young, Linda Young, Ped Young, Zachary, SalemCares Ministry, Stephen Ministers, and Salem's Military.

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

#### Dear Salem Family,

We are so very Thankful for the wonderful Pastors Debbie and John and all the prayerful, faithful, and caring people at Salem. Since May 17, Jake Brown has been struggling with multiple hospitals and health issues and we know without all the cards, prayers and support he probably would never have been able to walk or return home finally on July 13. We are forever grateful to all of you.

In Christian love, Jake, Fay and family.

Brent and Kathy Alford would like to announce the marriage of their son Brady to Kaity Barr. They were married on July 24 in Lancaster. The happy couple live in Pittsburgh. We thank everyone at Salem who helped raise Brady in the Christian faith through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, children's choir, and youth fellowship.





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

