

Surrender?

I like to think that I am in charge of my own life, that I steer my own ship. And that is the ideal that our culture sets before us. But the Gospel calls us to a different path. The Gospel calls us to surrender our lives to Jesus and to allow him to guide and direct us. And right there's the catch. Most of us hate the idea of surrender. Deep down we want to be in charge. We want to be the boss of our lives. And further, we want to conquer, not surrender.

In his book, *Surrendering to God*, Keith Beasley-Topliffe writes, "While we may talk about our desire to serve God, many of us are mostly interested in serving as advisors." In other words, we would rather advise God as to what to do with our lives, than let go and let God be in charge and have control of us.

Surrender is hard and it's not a once and done thing. I surrender, then over time, I take my life back. Or I discover in a moment of crisis or a moment of insight that I have held a part of my life back from God without even realizing it.

Surrender *is* really hard, and yet, it is only when I do surrender to God that I can be truly free. All these other things that I run after and value and serve just end up enslaving me and leaving me empty. The Apostle Paul knew what it was to really surrender. He wrote, "**It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.**" (Galatians 2:20) And Paul knew from his own experience that when we surrender, God will provide. He wrote, "**I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances, I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**" (Philippians 4:11-13)

Charles Wesley wrote of the day when our struggle with surrender will be complete. In his hymn, *Love Diving, All Loves Excelling*, he wrote:

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

—Pastor Debbie



Masterpiece
in the
Making



Refugee Sponsorship Update

The Neupane family has now been in the United States for 7 weeks. They have moved into their apartment near Central Dauphin East High School. All nine family members have been registered with social security and received their initial set of medical checks.

The kids started school in mid-October and the parents are registered for English as a Second Language classes. The family is relying on new friends and relatives for much of their acclimation. However, our Salem team did provide transportation and assistance taking the family shopping for school clothes for the kids.

Many challenges still exist. Please keep the Neupane family in your prayers.

Blue Christmas Service of Hope

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and are in need of comfort and strength this holiday season, please join us to commemorate your loved ones.

Guest Speakers

Michael Gingerich, M. Div

Thomas Kaden, M. Div

Co-founder & President of Someone to Tell It To

Event Details

Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 3:00 pm at
Community United Methodist Church
1601 Bridge Street, New Cumberland

Sponsored by
Community UM
Church, Fishing Creek
Salem UM Church, Trinity
UM Church, and
Parthemore Funeral Home
& Cremation Services



Salem Seniors Lunch



Salem Seniors will meet for
lunch on Thursday,
November 16th
at 1pm
at Culhanes Steak House.
Please call
Glenn or Barb Kurzenknabe
at 717-774-1728
with your reservation by
November 14th.

The United Methodist Women will meet
on Thursday, November 9th, at 7:00 pm in room 115.

The Program for the evening will be, "The World Thank
Offering Service". Come and join us and
learn more about this Offering and who it
benefits!



*As always all women of the Church and
Community are welcome.*



Salem is hosting a **food drive**, November 5-19 (first three Sundays) to benefit the Red Land Food Bank. Donations may be placed in the lower level of the Welcome Center (near the church office door). On average, the Red Land Food Bank serves between 125-150 families, or 335-420 people a month. New families and many senior citizens are served each time. Your donations are positively impacting your neighbors! The Food Bank is in particular need of: pancake mix, syrup, cake/brownie mix, canned fruit, mac and cheese boxes, rice, peanut butter, and canned tuna.



Giving Tree

Salem's Giving Tree will be in the Welcome Center beginning, Sunday, November 25th. Select a tag(s) from the tree, purchase the item, wrap it, secure the tag on the outside of the gift, and place the gift under the Salem tree. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 10th so they can be sorted and delivered to the families several days before Christmas.



Family Promise

Not everyone will have a warm bed, an over-abundance of food on their table, gifts under the tree, or joyful family gatherings at Christmas. When you are homeless, Christmas may be just another day, another day of survival. This year, Salem Church has the opportunity to make Christmas special for our Family Promise Families! Salem will be hosting for Family Promise December 24-31. Mark your calendar now to be part of the preparation, hosting, driving, dinners, and more! We are opening our doors—Will you be there to share, love, and serve? Check the upcoming Sunday bulletins for the website to sign-up.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
in
November

- ◇ Kinsey Connor
- ◇ Maggie Curtis
- ◇ Michael Daylor
- ◇ Anna Dormer
- ◇ Abigail Lemieux
- ◇ Kylar Nolt
- ◇ Cammi Richcreek
- ◇ Zachary Shaw
- ◇ Hope Strenkoski
- ◇ Emma Sylvester



In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus



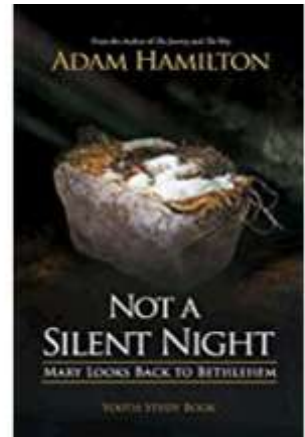
BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

During the first three weeks of November, we will be studying William P. Young's popular book *The Shack*. This 5-week video-based study uses Scripture and clips from the film to speak to those who are looking for faith, have lost faith along the way, or are strong in their faith but desire to trust God more deeply. This study will help participants connect with Him in a deeper way and experience life-changing love and forgiveness even in the midst of pain.

Our Advent series this year is Adam Hamilton's *Not a Silent Night*. Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary.

Are you looking for a class from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings? We would love to have you join us. We meet upstairs in room 210. Materials are provided.



The following is our lesson schedule for November.

The Shack by William P. Young (study guide by Jeremy Jones)

November 5	Lesson 3	"Why Are You Doing This to Me?"
November 12	Lesson 4	"How Can I Know the Heart of the Father?"
November 19	Lesson 5	"So You Just Let Him Get Away with It?"

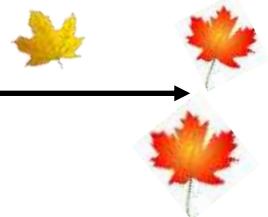
Not a Silent Night by Adam Hamilton

November 26	Session 1	"Beginning with the End"
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Year End Giving

Fishing Creek Salem always appreciates the financial gifts that are given to support and grow our ministries of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity again this year. Please note that the Internal Revenue Service has rules on when taxable year donations can be counted. The IRS says that charitable donations to the church must be **received and/or postmarked** by 12/31/2017 to count as a donation in 2017. Following these IRS regulations, donations received and/or postmarked after 12/31/17 must be counted as donations in 2018 (no matter what date may be associated with the gift).



Missions Corner



Item of the Month: Item of the Month: Your donations make a difference. UMCOR, a partner of Mission Central, is sending 28,000 cleaning buckets to Puerto Rico. The item for this month is fingernail clippers for the hygiene kits. Please put the clippers in the bin marked "Mission Central" in Mission Corner.



LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

This month's library article features Rev. Dr. Win Green, a neighboring pastor at Baughman United Methodist Church in New Cumberland. My husband, Brent, and son, Tyler, drum in the Raspberry Carpet Worship band for Baughman's contemporary service Sunday mornings. Through them, I have come to know Rev. Green through the years.

Rev. Green has quite the diversified background, and he is also a published author. Win has worked as a trackman on the Pennsylvania railroad, an oil driller in Texas, a sailor in the U.S. Navy, a nanny in Paris, a small town high school football coach, a church planter in Florida, a campus minister at Princeton University. He is a Yale and Asbury graduate.

Rev. Green has published three books so far. He is currently writing his fourth. Our library now has copies of his books. The following are synopses. Please check them out!



All You Ever Wanted

Green's individual or group study spends a chapter on each of Paul's fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and growth.

The Ten Loves of God

Win Green's book is designed for individuals and small groups to grow spiritually by guiding them through a personal reflection on each of the Ten Commandments and applying them to their lives.



The Secrets of Jesus' Happiness

Win Green uncovers the mystery of a happy life. He uses a lighthearted look at Jesus' greatest teaching (the Beatitudes) to point the way to a life worth living.



Guys Group BEGINNING November 2ND for Guys in 4th or 5th Grade!

This is a group to connect young guys with Christian men in our congregation. The idea of this group is to offer a safe place for boys to come together as Christians to have fun while deepening their faith and learning about Jesus. Each week will be based on a theme and will have a devotion and an activity and lead by the same leader each month.

- Week 1: Service and a snack...led by Brian Davis and Ed Kautz
- Week 2: idea...Building our relationship with Christ...think Legos, blocks, rockets
- Week 3: Sports night; led by Matt Durlin...exploring a different sport each month
- Week 4: idea... Hmmm, what is THAT? Learning the basics of the church and the Sanctuary, what is baptism, what is communion, what is prayer—Mixed with fun!



Held at Fishing Creek Salem Church: 402 Valley Road in Eppers from 6:30-8pm on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.

ALSO: Seeking leaders!



Any questions... please contact Tracey Michelsen, Director of Children's Ministries at: tmichelsen@fcsalem.org



Please keep in your prayers these people who have had prayer concerns in the last month:

Kathy and Brent Alford, Anna Marie, Joshua Armes, Robert Armes, Georgene Bingman, Scott Binns, Ken Bohr, Charlotte Brame, Michael and Carol Brame, Brandon and Ashlynn, Jake and Fay Brown, John E. Burd, California fire victims and families, Cancer patients, Darcy, Desiree, Linda Edmondson, Family with marital problems, Families with mental illness, Kevin Fickel, Carolyn and Wally Funk, Lori Grim, Jerry Hartman, Andrea Hartzell, Christa Haseloff and Dieter En-nulat, Louis Heckman, Louise Hechner, Henry, Dave Herk, Rose Horn's father, Don and Shirley Howard, Scott Howell, Hurricane victims and their families, Guy Jensen, Hubert Jimmerson, Alex Jones, Ron Keefer family, Arlene Kowal, Shirley Krebs, Las Vegas victims and families, Alice Lucas, Mark and Arlene, Melanie, Chase Michelsen, Miguel and Kate, Wendy Miller, Monika, Mrs. Giney, Bruno Najaka family, Neupane Family (Salem's refugee family),
Deb



Oakley, Alice Orlandi, Pastor John Overman, Pat (on passing of her father), Jeanette Payne, President Trump, Ronald Provard, Rhyannon, Kyle Ricketts, Lou Rudy, Shawn Rupp and children (Jordan, Kayla and Sophia), Sherrie Salata, Jamie Sanders, Jessie Sanders, Santos Family, Sederes Family, Separated families, Dave Shafer, Herb Shaffer, John Shank, Mark Shank, Sosek Family, Sherry Sparks, Heidi Stahl's mother-in-law, Ray Steward, Pauline and Louis Suplee (death of son), JoAnn Sweigart, Ken Thorn, Tobias family, Tori, Patty Turner, Tom and Dee W., Angel Wagner, Kate and Morgan Wagner, Rick Wagner, Wagner family, Julie Wentzel's daughter Emmie, Carole Welpton's family, Rob White, Kyle Young.

Do you have a prayer concern?

Please contact the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Marsha Young, at mdyoung805@gmail.com or contact Salem's Church Office at 717-938-1928 or office@fcsalem.org.



Dave Ramsey LiveStream

Join us for a Dave Ramsey LiveStream, Smart Money, on November 7, 2017 at 8:00pm. "Live More and Worry Less" through Dave Ramsey's teaching. RSVP to the church office (717-938-1928) is appreciated but not required. Contact Shane Murry with questions—smurry1@comcast.net

SALEM'S 5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, Nov. 23rd at 12:00pm

ALL are welcome!

Join us to feast and fellowship on this great day of thankfulness!

Lots of Help is Needed!

If you feel you are being called to serve others this Thanksgiving, please consider volunteering to help. Please pray about how you may be a blessing to others as we give thanks for all God has provided for us! Below are the areas of need. Contact Bonnie Moody to help (bonniemoody31@gmail.com or 645-6703).

- Donate a Dessert
- Donate/Lend a Thanksgiving Centerpiece
- Set up Wed., 11-22, 6:00pm
- Early Morning Turkey Crew (7am-9am)
- Kitchen Help
- Greeters
- Servers/Bussers
- Drivers
- Clean up Crew
- Donate a Turkey (18-22 lbs.)
- Turkey Prep Tues., 11-21, 6pm



Advent Lessons for 2017: *Come Home to Christmas*

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| ◆ 11/19/17—Hope | ◆ 12/10/17—Belonging |
| ◆ 11/26/17—Contentment | ◆ 12/17/17—Grace |
| ◆ 12/3/17—Healing | ◆ 12/24/17—Faith |

Dear Salem Friends,

My family and I cannot begin to Thank Pastor Debbie, Pastor John and all of you for the many years of prayers, visits, cards, loving support and concern for Jake and the Brown family during his 30+ years of health issues. He finally is without pain or discomfort and is at peace. Words cannot express the love our family felt during Jake's final church service and we are so thankful for everyone's support. God certainly blessed Jake and his family.

In Christian Love,

Fay, Jake III, Scott and Doug Brown and their families.

*Thank
you*

Gerry Hartman wishes to thank all her friends at Salem for their cards, good wishes, and support during her recent time in the hospital and her recovery.



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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

