



Church Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:30am-3:00pm

Closed 12-1pm for Lunch

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.



**What
Percentage
of my income
is God calling
me to give?**

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. *New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social

club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

We will celebrate Consecration Sunday at all services on November 4, 2018. During worship services on that day, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's mission of making disciples, who make disciples, who change the world.

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September Birthdays



Cameron Bryson
Ephraim Buzzard
Quinn DeRoy
Josiah Du
Marissa Duff
Cael Gibson

Keira Gibson
Connor Long
Rowen Meanor
Brendan Mudrick
Elijah Musselman

Tyler Rich
Anden Sadler
Bella Sadler
Maxwell Saltzer
Madison Wert
Logan Willoughby



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Gina Curtis, Director of Salem Community Nursery School
Jess Husman, Director of Youth Ministries
Vicki Inscho, Kitchen Coordinator
Tracey Michelsen, Director of Children's Ministries
Tracey Michelsen and Michelle Rich, Church Sextons
Interim Coverage, Director of Serving Ministries
Jeannette Payne, Child Care Coordinator
Kelsey Robertson, Dir of The Gathering Worship, Keyboardist, Youth Choir Dir
Susan Ryder, Director of Communications, Small Groups Coordinator
Derek Sandstrom, Director of Worship Ministries

Service Schedule:

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

Thank You

Dear members of FCSUMC, Sandy and I would like to thank you for all the cards, gifts, prayers and well wishes upon our retirement from Salem. We sincerely enjoyed working for you and with you. We made many new friends over the years who we will not forget.
Cliff and Sandy Motter

Thank you to everyone for their support, prayers, cards, etc in May and again in September with my knee surgeries. Salem is such a wonderful, caring family. Jeannie Pelen

Dear Reverend Dr. Heisley Cato and members of FC Salem UMC, Thank you for your most recent monetary donation. We appreciate your kindness and continued support of our mission. In August, we served 130 families that added up to 359 people. Thanks for helping us help our neighbors in need.

Nina Myers and
Dab Trimmer
Co-Directors of the Reed
Land Food Ministry



Item of the Month: Mission Central is in urgent need of supplies for the flood buckets sent to areas of the south hit hard with floods. The flood buckets are essential

for people to clean up from the devastation caused from the storms. One item needed is dish soap - 16 to 28 oz size bottles. Please put the dish soap in the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.





Salem's prayer team receives the prayer requests listed on the Sunday morning Connection Cards and through emails or calls sent to the Prayer Chain Coordinator. The team faithfully prays over these requests for health concerns, relationship

and employment problems, etc., as well as gives thanks for the praises and answered prayers received. If you would like to be on the prayer team, please contact the office or Marsha Young at mdyoung805@gmail.com or (717) 982-1256.

Due to increasing concerns over the protection of privacy, the accumulated list of names will no longer be printed in the monthly *Stimulus*. A suggested list of general groups or world concerns will be given each month for you to pray over.

This month let us keep in prayer the following:

- California flood victims
- Hurricane Florence flood victims
- First responders and healthcare workers
- Salem's Church Council
- Students and Teachers
- Those suffering with mental illness, anxiety & depression

New Guidelines for submitting prayer requests:

- Prayer requests may be submitted to the church office (717-938-1928), listed on the Sunday morning Connection Cards or emailed to the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Marsha Young, at mdyoung805@gmail.com.
- Please specify if the concern should be shared with the pastors only or if it can be shared with the prayer chain.
- If you are not an immediate family member, please obtain the person's consent (verbal or written) before submitting the prayer concern for distribution.
- Prayer requests should be kept brief and of a general nature. Prayer chain members are able to pray for the individual or situation without knowing specific details. God knows the need of each individual.
- We reserve the right to edit prayer requests to ensure they are appropriate for public communication and protect the individual's privacy.

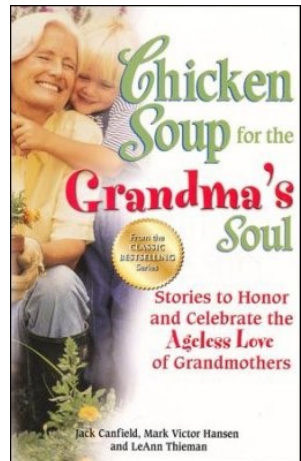
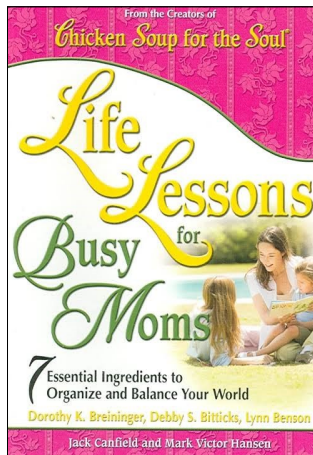
Library News By Kathy Alford

Have you ever read a *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book? This series, started by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen in 1993, is the best-selling paperback book series of all time with 250 published books. Canfield and Hansen started the books with the simple idea that people could help each other by sharing stories about their lives. They entitled their series “Chicken Soup” because they wanted the stories to soothe and provide comfort, just like their grandmothers’ cooking.

Jack and Mark recognized that *Chicken Soup for the Soul* had grown into something much bigger than the book series they had created. So, in 2008, William (Bill) Rouhana, Amy Newmark and Robert Jacobs bought *Chicken Soup for the Soul* from them. Today, Bill and Amy, a husband-and-wife team, along with everyone else at *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, are responding to readers’ requests and expanding beyond the bookstore. They make wholesome and balanced pet foods because they know how special the relationship is between people and their pets. They’re online now with forums, apps, and a *Chicken Soup for the Soul* YouTube channel. They’re working hard on a new *Chicken Soup for the Soul* TV show and a major motion picture. Meanwhile, Amy, publisher and co-author of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, and her team of editors are collecting stories from their readers and the public, just like they’ve done since the beginning. They have new books coming out almost every month. From their books, to their food for pets, to the new TV show, they’re always looking for ways to share happiness, inspiration and hope through everything they do.

There are over 100 *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books found throughout our church library. Some books are based on age, such as preteen, kids, and teenager. Others are for various occupations: teachers, writers, and nurses, for example. How about different family members? For sports lovers there are books on baseball, golf, fishing, etc.

There are *Chicken Soup* books based on hobbies such as gardening, enjoying nature, and traveling. In other words, there is a *Chicken Soup* book for everyone! The stories are short & allow you to read them in short periods of time. Here are two of the books in our library:



Consecration Sunday

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Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge all people to attend, even if you may be opposed to completing a card, because we will all benefit from the teaching on the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. Also, the procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of inspiration and instruction, followed by members and attendees making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship, November 4, 2018.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in the Consecration Sunday events.

Your Council Chairperson,

Joan Dean

The Ins and Outs of Social Security

Social Security is a major part of retirement income as well as protection for younger families in the event of worker disability or untimely death. But

do you really understand it?

Money is taken out of

your paycheck for it, but where does the money go?

Does it earn interest? Can you trust that it will be there for you when you need it?

Does everyone benefit equally? Is it intended to adequately meet retirement needs? At what age is it available? How is the amount you receive calculated? What

proposals are being discussed to change it? Do all countries have something similar?

Come to this class and get answers to these and other questions about this tremendously important program.

October 16, 6:30 - 8:30 in Room 115. The class will be lead by Glen Dunbar, a Social Gerontologist and member of the church.



God Is Good!





The United Methodist Women will meet
Thursday, October 11th, at 6:30pm in



room 115. Our speaker for the evening will be CHRISTOPHER COLE, from Unfolding Lives—a group helping teen youth in inner city York.

All ladies of the Church and the Community are invited to attend.

WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

The women's book discussion meets at Salem on the third Thursday of every month at 7pm . It is open to any woman who likes to read—or who wants to join in the discussion topic. Come and bring your ideas. If you have questions please call Marsha Uber (717-938-3108 or uber2495@ptd.net).

Oct. 18: *Unshackled: From Rain To Redemption* by Gene McGuire.

Attention—

All men of Salem

The 2nd Baker's Pond Fishing, Bonfire, Fellowship, Good and Games. (Bait and Fishing rods supplied)

Mark your Calendar for Sunday, Oct 21st at 3pm

(Rain date Oct 28th) Hot Dogs and buns, condiments, water will be provided.

Bring your favorite Dish and Drinks.

Please RSVP!

Directions: 883 Siddonsburg RD Lewisberry. We are on the corner of Siddonsburg and Observatory Roads for your GPS.

Contact Hal Baker to RSVP or for Questions:

717-938-6899

Email bakghs@gmail.com



FISHING.

FOR MEN.

High School Bonfire

On August 25th, a group of our high school students got together to spend some time in fellowship before the new school year began. We played games and ate some snacks, and towards the end of the night, the older students shared some wisdom for navigating high school while we roasted marshmallows.

This was also the night these students got to hear more about the new programs for our high school group! A new Bible study of the Gospel of John began Wednesday, August 29th, and a new worship opportunity was opened! High school students will have the opportunity to attend Powerhouse, Messiah College's student-led night worship, once a month throughout the school year (see the youth bulletin board for more information).



Our study of John continues every Wednesday 6-7:30pm.

Coming Up:

Sunday, Oct. 28

9:30am Parent/mentor confirmation meeting

5:45pm Fall Fun Night!

If you have any questions about the programs or would like to get involved, please contact Jess Husman at jhusman@fcsalem.org. Thank you for your continued support of our youth through your prayers and encouragement!

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

During October we will continue studying Lee Strobel's book *The Case for Christ* and watching the accompanying DVD. Lee Strobel, a seasoned journalist, chases down the biggest story in history--is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? Tracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Strobel, former legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates from schools like Cambridge, Princeton, and Brandeis who are recognized authorities in their own fields. Strobel challenges them with questions like: How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event?

Our hopes for this study are that our faith will be made stronger and we will be able to witness with more evidence in addition to our strong faith. Lee Stroebel's story is another example of how God can dramatically change people's lives such as Saul of Tarsus and author C.S. Lewis.

Are you looking for a small group? We always welcome visitors. Materials are provided. We meet Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in room 210 upstairs.



**Daylight Savings
Time Ends on
November 4th at
2:00 am. Turn
your clocks back
one hour!**

Do you...

Drive? Shop for food? Cook? Rearrange furniture (occasionally)? Take out the trash? Do laundry? SLEEP? If you said, YES to any of these questions than YOU ARE qualified to help the homeless families in our area that are part of the **Family Promise** of Harrisburg Capital Region (FPHCR).

Over 160,000 volunteers (just like you) serve in Family Promise affiliates nationwide. As part of this network, we are one of 13 congregations that take turns providing lodging, meals and hospitality for three to four displaced families at a time. Each congregation serves four times per year, for one week each time.

Save the Date! November 4 –11 is the next time we get to host families that need temporary accommodations while working to get a home of their own!!! Please prayerfully consider **where God is calling you to help:**



- Sunday morning set up (Nov 4 @ 10:30 – 11:30am)
- Evening van driver (One or more days, Drive from FCSUMC to Day Center (Camp Hill) and then back. Approx. 5:30 – 6:30pm)
- Dinner preparer (A Group or family - One day during the week prepare a meal at your home and deliver to FCSUMC by 6:00pm)
- Dinner and evening hosts (6:00 – 8:30 PM - Set up, serve, eat and hang out with the families.)
- Overnight hosts (8:30pm – 7:00am – Sleep and help families get to the van in the morning.)
- Morning van driver (One or more days, Drive from FCSUMC to Day Center (Camp Hill) and then back. Approx. 6:30 – 7:30 AM)
- Sunday morning clean-up crew (Nov 11 @ 7:30 AM – 45 – 90 minutes)
- Laundry team (Pick up the sheets and blankets in FCSUMC office after 9:30 AM. Take them home to wash, bring then back and put away.)

For more information or to be put on the volunteer list contact Stacey Wilkinson by phone or email: 717-579-6318 or FamilyPromise@fcsalem.org

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES
BEGIN IN OCTOBER!**



Are you ready to take the next step in your journey with Jesus and His people? Jesus calls us to make a commitment to follow him and to do it in the company of other committed followers. There is strength as His people band together to care for one another and to be His presence in a world so much in need of His love.

Becoming a member of a local church means that this is the place and these are the people among whom you will live out your faith.

During the month of October, Pastor Jenny and Pastor Debbie will be teaching a class to help people explore the possibility of becoming a member of Fishing Creek Salem Church. The classes will be held at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings October 7, 14, 21, and 28. Anyone who wishes to either transfer their membership from another church or to simply join with this congregation are asked to attend the classes.

During these classes we will explore the practices that allow us to grow deeper and stronger as disciples of Jesus and we will also share the values and vision of Salem Church.

If you are interested in joining the class or if you have questions, please call or email the church office (office@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928) or sign up on the connection card on Sunday morning.

Being a part of the class does not mean you have made a final decision. It can simply be a way to explore the possibility.

You are Invited to Join Chime Choir!

Chime Choir is starting for the year with practices on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning October 10th. If you are at least 15 years old and interested in joining the group or just trying it out, please contact Pam Mailey at 717-856-0781

or pmailey35@gmail.com or

sign up on the Connection Card. Some individual sessions can be provided to orient new members.



Open Gym and Opportunity to Play on a Travel Basketball Team

Beginning Oct. 19th, Salem will hold an open gym for basketball on a weekly basis. The dates and times will be posted in the weekly Church Bulletin. Boys in 4th- 6th grade may participate and each practice will include a devotional time. Ten of the 5th/6th grade boys who participate will be selected for a travel basketball team which will participate in the 2018/2019 Central Penn Travel League, but the open gym will continue for everyone. It's an opportunity for kids who love the game to play either competitively or to meet and have fun once a week. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Sylvester at 717-943-5501 or email Samuel.sylvester@xpo.com

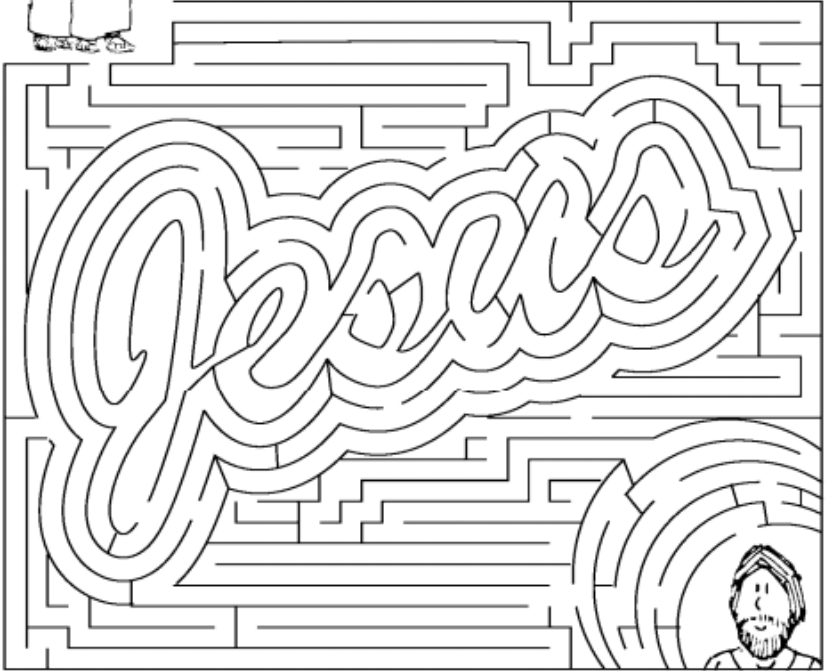


Kid's Page!

People were bringing their children to Jesus.
They wanted Jesus to bless them.



Find the path to Jesus.



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NEW study... Seamless at the Summit

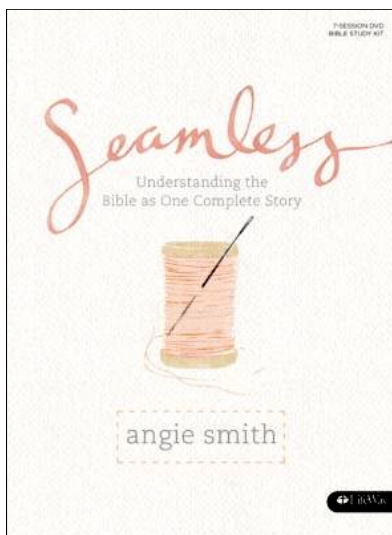
Are you new to church or the Bible? Or like me, maybe you grew up in the church but were intimidated by reading the Bible as a story? This study is for anyone interested in understanding the Bible as a complete story. Who were the prophets? How were those people related?

Where was that on the map?

Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story by Angie Smith is a 7-week Bible study that goes through the entire Bible. There are 5 days of homework (taking approximately 20-30 minutes each) between our weekly sessions. Sessions will be held at The Summit Diner, a new twist on Bible study fellowship.

Join us on Thursday afternoons for a little Jesus and Java. Study

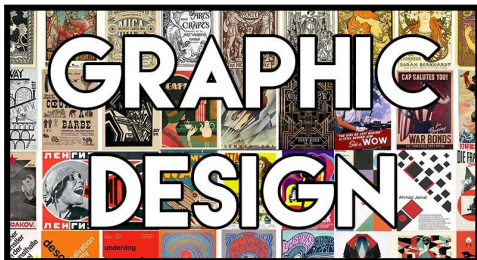
runs from 1:30-3:00. If interested, join us early for a fellowship lunch at 12:30 prior to the study. Starts on September 20 and concludes on November 1st. Questions... feel free to contact Christy Musselman at 717-215-9558 or cmusselman@hotmail.com.



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Like Graphic Design?

Serve by creating posters to communicate upcoming sermons and ministries at Salem. Susan Ryder, Comm. Dir., will supply all the information needed and you can use your creativity to serve at Salem. Help as your schedule allows. Contact: Susan Ryder at sryder@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928.



The Salem Seniors will meet at the church on October 18th at 11:30 to carpool to Friendly Farm Restaurant (17434 Foreston Road, Upperco, MD 21155). Please contact Ken or Jo Small at 717-938-2148 to RSVP by October 16th. We hope you will join us!



Want to help the victims of Hurricane Florence? UMCOR is accepting donations and, as always, 100% of your donation is used to help.



Please mark your donation "Hurricane Florence."

Thank you!



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