

The Sonlight

SALEM'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 10th 2022 Edition



From the Heart

In his 1930 essay "Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren," the economist John Maynard Keynes predicted a 15-hour workweek in the 21st century, creating the equivalent of a five-day weekend. "For the first time since his creation man

will be faced with his real, his permanent problem," Keynes wrote, "how to occupy the leisure."* What happened to that prediction?

Americans seem to work more than ever, even as more of our material needs are taken care of. Full schedules have become a status symbol as we compete to show how important and in demand we are. Who can afford to take a day off? Emails must be answered. Kids' sports must be played. And that bathroom isn't going to remodel itself. Work has become the meaning of life. In a recent Pew Research report, 95% of teens said "having a job or career they enjoy" would be "extremely or very important" to them as an adult. This ranked higher than any other priority, including "helping other people who are in need" (81%) or getting married (47%).* This mentality slips into the church where fuller calendars and relentless programs have become marks of spiritual success.

This cuts against the grain of how God designed us. God rested on the seventh day of creation (Genesis 2:2) and instituted a Sabbath day of rest for Israel (Exodus 20:8-11). Jesus invited us to find rest in him (Matthew 11:28) and as Christians we are to strive to enter God's rest (Hebrews 4:11). Rest reminds us we are not gods; we have limits. We are dependent on God and the world does not depend on us. We work hard because life is short, but we rest hard because life is in God's hands. So rest; take a break. Remember your Creator and your place in his creation.

Brian Jennings, Senior Pastor

**Source: "Workism Is Making Americans Miserable," by Derek Thompson, The Atlantic, February 2019*

Hello Salem Family!

We look forward to worshipping with you this **Sunday, July 10 at 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM.**

At Salem our mission is to glorify God, make disciples who pursue Jesus, and share His story!



Women's Ministry Welcome Reception for Emily Jennings and Daryl Hyden

July 14 7:00—8:15PM

The Salem Women's Ministry Team would like to invite all ladies, children through seniors, to attend a welcome reception for Emily Jennings (Pastor Brian's wife) and Daryl Hyden (Pastor Jamie's wife) on **Thursday evening, July 14 from 7:00 to 8:15 in the Café** outside the Multipurpose Room.

This will be an opportunity for you to officially welcome them to our church, get to know them better, and fellowship with other ladies at Salem. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY

Benevolence Ministry

Did you know Salem has a ministry to help church members facing financial challenges? On Sundays when our church celebrates Communion, we receive a special offering (called the Benevolence Fund) to enable our church to assist those members facing financial hardships.

Benevolence is defined as *kindness and the quality of being well-meaning*. This is what Salem is able to accomplish for our church family through this ministry. The primary areas of focus are with groceries, mortgage payments, utility bills, and other hardships experienced.

Should you have a financial need or know of another church member experiencing a financial challenge, please contact a Deacon, staff member or the church office. Benevolence Fund requests are prayerfully considered and administered by a ministry team of the Salem Deacons.

If you would like to designate a gift to the Benevolence Fund, you can do so online at [Salem-bc.org/give](https://saalem-bc.org/give) by clicking "Submit a Donation" and choosing "Benevolence" from the Fund drop-down box.

SALEM KIDS

SalemKids Summer Schedule

Children's Worship is on break for the summer. We will meet again on Sunday, August 14. This means parents will need to pick their elementary children up from their BFG classrooms. **WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER WEE WORSHIP FOR AGES BIRTH – 5 YEARS OF AGE.**

Children's Soccer Fall 2022

Salem Children's Soccer is pleased to offer another season. We will have U4, U6, U9, and U13 divisions as in the past. U4 and U6 will practice and scrimmage on Saturdays, U9 will practice on Tuesdays with games on Saturdays, and U13 will practice on Thursdays with games on Saturdays. U9/U13 will begin the week of August 22. U4/U6 will start on Sept. 10. The last day of the season is October 29.

Registration will close on August 5 or when all slots are filled for a division.

Register on the [Hub: saalem-bc.org/hub](https://saalem-bc.org/hub).

SALEM KIDS CONTINUED

You Are Invited!

SalemKids invites you to join us on mission each Sunday as we glorify God by partnering with families in training children to be disciples who pursue Jesus and teach them to share His story with the world. If you would like to know how you can invest in eternity contact Pastor Jamie at jhyden@saalem-bc.org or call the church office.

Visit the Hub to sign-up at: [Salem-BC.org/hub](https://saalem-bc.org/hub) or you can also go to bit.ly/3q7JOHb.

MISSIONS

School Supplies

During the month of July, the Mission Committee will be collecting school supplies for Mission Apex. There will be boxes out in front of the Multi-purpose room to collect the school supplies. Information can be found on the Hub regarding the needed school supplies. Thank you for helping the children of Mission Apex with the school supplies needed for school. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Barnes at 919-656-8821.

Visit the Hub for information: [Salem-bc.org/hub](https://saalem-bc.org/hub)

Respite Night Volunteers

Salem Baptist Church has a wonderful opportunity to reach out to parents of foster children. When surveyed, foster families listed babysitting as their #1 need. On **Friday, August 26 from 5:30–8:45**, Salem is hosting a "Respite Night." This will be a time when parents of foster children ages rising K – 7th grade can drop their children off at the church and enjoy an evening together while their children are loved by us. How can you help? Volunteers are needed for a 1:1 ratio of child/adult, group leaders, activity leaders (activities provided), the welcome team, and extra help. What a wonderful opportunity to serve at Salem as we reach out to those outside our doors and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Register to serve [on the Hub: saalem-bc.org/hub](https://saalem-bc.org/hub).

If you'd like more information, contact Rachel Corvin at stroud91@yahoo.com

PERSONNEL

Church Administrator Opening

Salem is looking to hire a Church Administrator, who will, among other things, assist in the business operation of the church in the areas of office management, financial management, and facilities operations. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please have them contact the church office at saalem-bc.org/contact or emailing the Personnel Committee at personnel@saalem-bc.org.

You can view a full job description at saalem-bc.org/jobs.

VOLUNTEERING

Opportunity to Serve in Student Ministry

Our youth leaders are a vital aspect of meeting our goal of making student disciples fully devoted to Jesus. Generally there are three primary ways that leaders can be involved in Student Ministry: relationally, logistically, and spiritually.

Relational leaders model the gospel to students by spending time getting to know the students and building relationships with them. Relationships are the biggest platform we have and every student is different. This means we need a diverse group of leaders who are patient, consistent, and can relate well to students. You'll often find the relational leaders at youth each week, jumping on the vans to head with us to camp, or meeting one on one with a student they disciple.

Logistical leaders are often the behind-the-scenes heroes of the ministry. They are selfless, willing and reliable people who do the tasks that keep the ministry going but often never gets the credit. They help gather and organize snacks for D-Now, haul a trailer of luggage to camp, decorate for events, etc.

Lastly, there is the **spiritual leader**. A great example of a spiritual leader are our prayer warriors. Maybe you don't have the time or energy to spend a week at camp or to "keep up" with the students, but you can still have a huge impact on our ministry by praying for the students, the trips, and the leaders.

If you want to know more about how you can get involved in Student Ministry contact Pastor Mike or sign-up at [Salem-bc.org/volunteer](https://saalem-bc.org/volunteer)

VOLUNTEERING CONTINUED

Welcome Team Needs Volunteers

Our welcome team works to ensure that everyone who walks in our doors feels welcome, in order that they might experience the grace of Jesus. The greeters are the frontlines of ministry at Salem Baptist Church.



Welcome team members enjoy a flexible rotation and all ages are needed! All you need is a welcoming smile and a willingness to engage with guests and show others the love of Jesus.

Team members are needed before and after the 8:30 and 11AM services. For more information, questions, or to get training contact Teresa Crawford at teresad Crawford@gmail.com or Jan Ellis at jdellis214@gmail.com

Get Involved! Missions & Service

MissionApex Produce Ministry

A thriving produce co-op that delivers fresh and very affordable produce to local communities we serve. This ministry is made possible by the subsidized funding donated by several BFG classes and backed by the missions committee.

Volunteer as often as you'd like to sort and pack produce for delivery in Apex every other Friday from 9:00 – 10:00 AM or 11:30 AM if assisting with delivery. If interested, please sign up at bit.ly/3Bbqupr. If you have more questions, contact Pastor Mike or Debbie Barnes.

Serving the Community

Write letters to Salem members who are isolated in their homes, nursing homes, or assisted living. Contact the church office (info@saalem-bc.org) for a list.

Donate to Western Wake Crisis Ministry: wwcm.org/financial-donations

GIVING

HOW YOU CAN GIVE

If you prefer checks, lock boxes are located in the Multi-Purpose Room for you to place your offering into. You can also mail your contribution to our office address or place it in the lock box located on the side porch of the church office. Please mail checks to:

1205 Salem Church Road | Apex, NC 27523

ONLINE GIVING

To give online, click on Salem-BC.org/give, or go to our website and click "Giving" and scroll down to the online giving button.

If you Create an Account, look for emailed instructions on creating a password to sign in to manage your gift.

TEXT GIVING

Did you know that we have text giving at Salem? Just text **SALEMBCAPEX** to **73256** and follow the prompts.

STAY CONNECTED

Contact Us

Please contact one of our pastors or deacons should you, or another member, be in need of prayer or urgent need. You may reach our deacons at deacons@salem-bc.org.

Pastor Contacts:

Pastor Brian Jennings bjennings@salem-bc.org

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Weekday preschool questions.

This Week at Salem

Sunday, July 10

8:30 AM	Traditional Worship (MPR)
9:40 AM	BFG Hour (Salem-BC.org/small-groups)
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship (MPR) also streamed online

Monday, July 12– Saturday July 16

Deep Impact Student Mission Trip (Atlanta)

Tuesday, July 12

6:30 PM	Women's Workout Class (MPR)
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Thursday, July 14

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (D132)
7:00 PM	Women's Ministry Reception (Café)

Financial Snapshot: July 3, 2022



Last Week's Giving: \$17,331.55

2022 Weekly Budget: \$29,617.29



May Giving: \$118,132.65

May Expenses: \$109,045.55

YTD Giving as of May: \$570,076.53

YTD Expenses as of May: \$585,819.10

Planned 2022 YTD Budget: \$685,512.97



Building Debt Retirement Fund
(Given Last Week): \$2,155.00



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