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SILVER RING THING SALEM RALLY

Verse of the Week:

1 John 3:11

This is the message
you heard from the
beginning: We should
love one another.

*Salem Community Theatre
February 24, 2010
Doors open at 6pm and close
by 8:30pm*

Music by FCC Salem's HyDr8
Special guest Speaker: Missy Culpepper
1 Thessalonians 4:3

*This program is open to junior high and
high school students. There is no charge for this event.*

Sunday, February 21
8:15 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, February 22
10:00 a.m. S.A.M.
5:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Basketball
practice
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, February 23
8:45 a.m. Sonshine School
3:30 p.m. H2O setup
6:00-7:00p.m. Worship Team
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise

Wednesday, February 24
6:15-7:45 p.m. Teen MOPS
6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Options;
LIGHT (Ladies' Bible Study);
2-3 yr. & 4-5 yr. classes; K-5-
Foundation Rock
6:30-8:00 p.m. Jr/Sr High- H2O

Thursday, February 25
9:30 a.m. Priscilla Ladies'
Bible Study
5:00-7:00 p.m. Kids Basketball
practice

Saturday, February 27
8:00am-1:00pm Kids Basket-
ball League

Prayer Requests:

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

Charles Monical

AT HOME

Peggy Wilson Karl Squibb
Warren Williams Earl Gain
Naida Telford Sue Courson
Bud Burden Ruth Ruprecht
Steve Crane Kim Odom
Mary Jo Beck

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to ...

... Audra Hahn and family at the death of her grand-
mother, Grace Hughes.

... Bob Westman and family at the death of his wife,
Betty Westman

WESTMAN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- Visitation (at Rogers Atkins FH) Saturday 9-11am
- Funeral (at Rogers Atkins FH) Saturday 11am

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

Mid-India Christian Mission, Vivert Lall family; P.V. Alexander Ministries

Facts & Figures	February 14, 2010
8:15 am Worship	142
Bible School	125
10:30 am Worship	224
Total Worship	366
*Ministry Fund Offering	\$ 9,679.35
Weekly Ministry Needs	\$12,855.77
*Add. Designated gifts	\$ 798.00
Total	\$10,477.35



Craig Vieira	4
Maxine Nash	4
Randy Rose	4
Chris Tucker	5
Gary Kennedy	5
Nathan Howard	5
Peggy Maxey	5
Cynthia Bailey	8
Dustin Collier	8
Edna Boswell	8
Kelly Bandy	8
Lisa Pontious	8
Kevin Williams	9

ANNIVERSARIES
M/M Louis Williams, Jr. 4



Coming Up on the Calendar

February

- 20-Kids Basketball League
- 21-Choir rehearsal, 4pm
- 22-24-Preaching-Teaching Conv. @ OCC
- 23-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 27-Kids Basketball League
- 28-Choir rehearsal, 4pm

March

- 2-Leadership Team Meeting, 7pm
- 3-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 6-Men's Day @ SLCC
- 6-Kids Basketball League
- 7-Choir Rehearsal, 4pm
- 9-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 9-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 13-Kids Basketball League
- 14-Choir Rehearsal, 4pm
- 14-Mission Meeting, 4:30pm
- 16-Prayer Meeting, 7pm
- 17-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 21-Choir Rehearsal, 4pm
- 23-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 28-Choir Rehearsal, 4pm

Elders: Craig Vieira, Doug Williams (underlined - Offering prayer) **February 21, 2010**
Meditation: Doug Williams
Deacons: 8:15-Ron Hayes, Ed Phillips, Curt Piper, Steve Schumpert, Steve Tucker, Norm Barton, Nick King, Randy Helm; 10:30-*Jeff Molenhour, *Ely Lambert, David Lamb, Ted Tefft, Jim Holsapple, Mike Squibb, Ken Brewer, Mike Bryan...underlined to serve shut-ins, asterisk to serve Doctor's.
Attendance Tabulation: 8:15-Wayne Puricelli; 10:30-Ron Stanley
Worship Tech: Matt Webb, Logan Pontious
Nursery: 8:15-Donna Charlton, Donna Snow; 9:30-Michele Webb, Judy West, Barbara Ball; 10:30-Mary Wilkinson, Kristin Jarrett, Cheryl Vieira
Stepping Stones: Sheri Molenhour, Becca Lambert
Preschool Greeter: Melinda Stroud
Toddler Room: 8:15-Trisha Alvis; 10:30-Michael Gaston
Kidz Church: 8:15-Jay & Michelle Luse; 10:30-Ashley Elmore & Lindsey Crane
FIM Captain: Lucy Molenhour
Greeters: Jay & Michelle Luse, Lisa Pontious, Ron & Geneva Stanley
Ushers: 8:15-Katharine Black; 10:30-Elizabeth Hite
Section Hosts: #1-Robert Uchitjil; #2-Naida Uchitjil; #3-Joan Buhnerkemper
Parking Lot: Joe Pemberton, Eldon Prosis, Keith Kemp
Baptismal: 8:15-Pat Baldrige; 10:30-Joan Buhnerkemper
Care Team Leaders: 8:15-Terri leathers, Connie Dunahee; 10:30-
Communion Preparation: Wayne Hawkins

SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS!

Just a reminder to keep saving your Campbell UPS codes, other product box tops, box tops for education and others. A new product list has been received and is available by the soup can in the main foyer. These are sent to the American Indian Mission at Show Low, Arizona. This mission runs a boarding school in the winter for the Indian Children and during the summer they go on several Reservations and hold DVBS. These children are not only educated but are taught about Christ. Several from First Christian have in the past gone there on work mission trips.



EASTER CHOIR PREPARATIONS BEGIN

Choir will be gearing up for Easter very soon. Rehearsals will begin February 21st @ 4:00 in the Auditorium. We will be preparing for a Good Friday Service which will take place at 6:30 PM on Friday April 2nd in the Auditorium. We will have 6 fairly intense rehearsals on Sundays and a dress rehearsal on Thursday evening April 1st. Music will be available to be picked up on Sunday February 21st. If you have any questions, please call Dave. Thank you in advance for your time and energy. If you are not a part of the choir, but would like to be, please see David Jarrett. **Everyone is welcome!**



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Abby Duke on the birth of a baby girl! Giada Briel was born on Friday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. Giada weighed 7 lb 8 oz and measured 20 1/2 inches long. If you would like to help by bringing them a meal, please go to www.carecalendar.org and sign up. The calendar ID is 32380 and the security code is 2759. If you do not have internet access, please contact Dawn McCoy and she can put you on the calendar.



SILVER RING THING

We've all seen the commercials... it seems like there's an application for everything. But where can you go to learn about life and relationships? Check out the Silver Ring Thing iTour. It's about... guys, girls, dating, waiting, love, 2nd chances, and choices. This is an event you don't want to miss! So join us on **Sunday, March 21st from 6 - 8:30pm** (doors open at 5:15) at the Salem Community High School for this **FREE EVENT!** You can register & get more info at www.silverringthing.com. Additional Parents Session starting @ 6pm. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please see John Mann.



Mann's Masterpiece

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If you didn't know, I grew up in the Philadelphia area. Some students and adults had the opportunity to see and experience the culture I grew up in this past summer on a mission project to my parent's church and inner-city Philadelphia.

Last year the Philadelphia area received a total of 7 inches of snow. This year they have received a record breaking 70+ inches. It's too deep to do anything. Schools are shut down, but most people don't go outside to enjoy the snow because they will get lost in it! Last Wednesday my parents received an additional 20 inches of snow in one day. That kind of snow fall for their area is unheard of. Next year they will probably go back to getting less than 10 inches.

I think sometimes our spiritual growth is the same way. We have times when we grow by leaps and bounds. We grow so much with the Lord that we stop growing. We think that we have changed so much that maybe we can take a break from growing. Maybe the thought crosses our mind that we have grown enough for a life time.

Romans 2:12 reminds us that we can never grow enough. There will never be a time in our earthly lives where we will attain complete knowledge and complete spiritual maturity. We must always strive to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We must always strive to grow closer to our Lord. Sometimes we will grow faster than other times, but that doesn't mean we stop or take a break. We press on toward the goal, in which Christ has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Dave's Musings

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Strict Training

We love watching the Olympics at our house. I easily get caught up in the stories of the athletes and how much they have sacrificed to be at the games and train to be the best. Some of them missing the glory of gold by only the slightest of margins. I love the stories of redemption like the commercial highlighting Dan Jansen whose sister,

Jane, died 3 hours before his race and he vowed to win the gold for her, only to fall and not win a medal. But six years later he raced again, winning gold and carrying his daughter on a victory lap, a daughter named for his sister, Jane.

Most athletes in the Olympics, winter and summer alike, give up normal lives to pursue world records and gold medals, but in the end only one gets the prize. Paul the apostle exhorts us as believers to live our lives in such a way. We must be willing to be disciplined to give up whatever it takes to train to be like Jesus. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." Any athlete that only trained on Sunday mornings would certainly not be ready to run (or skate) for the Gold. We need to be disciples who follow hard after Christ.

It's not about guilt. It's not about feeling bad that we don't do enough to be like Christ. It's about God loving us so much that He gave us his Son and we can love him back with the same intensity. We would look very different if we passionately chose to live every moment for the Glory of God; if we had our goal in mind and worked hard toward it because of the love we have for God. Athletes love the sports they compete in, giving up everything toward them. Let us do the same for a God who desperately loves us.

Humbly, Dave

Case in Point

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My family was never really made New Year's resolutions, but this year they decided to give it a shot. However, they realized that if they were going to make it work they would have to be in it together. So, my parents, my brother, my sister, my brother-in-law, and my sister-in-law decided to have a fun little weight loss competition. Since I am already in

danger of blowing away with the slightest breeze I was not invited to be a part of their competition, however I have been included in the emails everyone is sending to each other about their progress.

The emails have been fun to read, as each family member has been sharing successes, failures, and hilarious stories about their struggles with diet and exercise. But the greatest thing is that each one of them is making incredible progress! Now, I can remember several times when members of my family have gone on diets, but I have never seen any of them be as successful as they have been this time and they all give credit to the fact that they are in it together.

There is something to being in it together and that is something that we as Christians should understand. There are going to be times when being a Christian is hard. We will all have struggles. We will all have victories. We will all have hilarious stories to reflect on and laugh and it is so important that we all share those things together so that we can build each other up instead of being left feeling alone and discouraged.

Jesus understood the importance of comradery. He made it clear in John 15 when he called the disciples his friends and commanded that they love each other right before telling them how poorly the rest of the world would treat them because they followed him. They needed to be in it together to be able to endure the hard times and so do we. We need to make building relationships with each other a priority.

Make it a point to meet someone new at church. Make contact with other Christians throughout the week and share your lives together. Hold each other accountable and share successes and failures. Laugh with each other. Vent to each other. Support each other and encourage each other. Imagine the progress we can make for the Kingdom when we are truly in it together.

From Phil's Desk

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Do you remember studying about *entropy* in Physics class? (I'm sure some of you would like to forget.) Entropy is the amount of thermal energy not available to do work – It's the building block for the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics. For example, once you take heated up water off the burner, the temperature of the water will begin to lower because energy is no longer being applied. Entropy describes the idea that systems tend to move toward disorder or randomness, and that information has a tendency of getting lost in transmission.

Well, what does this have to do with us?

There's another definition of entropy: It is the inevitable and steady deterioration of a system or society. Can you see it? Haven't you heard or commented on how morals seem to degrade from one generation to the next? It's the idea that kids do in excess what their parents do in moderation. A parent that lets a few swear words fly, can expect their children to develop a more "colorful" vocabulary.

If we're not careful, entropy can happen in many parts of our life, and before we know it our family and church become complacent, having lost all sense of purpose and direction.

So, how do we stop entropy from happening? It's pretty simple – we keep applying energy; stay connected to the power source.

This Sunday, I want to build on Ely's message of what parents need to do for their kids, by talking about the need to leave a legacy by teaching and living out the Word of God for the next generation to see.

I'll be asking a very important question: Which chair are you in?

*In His Grip,
Phil*



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