

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

Breaking the Chains of the Past

For eight years now, I've sat in the circle. Folding chairs scraping against linoleum floors, coffee brewing in the corner, the low hum of quiet conversations filling the space before we begin. I know this routine well. The opening statements, the familiar faces, the gentle nods of understanding as someone shares a struggle that, if I'm honest, sometimes sounds a little too close to home.

I first learned about this program more than a decade ago, back when I was clawing my way out of my own addiction. At the time, there wasn't a meeting near me, so I found healing elsewhere. But the moment I moved to Pennsylvania and discovered the church my wife attended had a group, I was all in. No hesitation. Eventually, I became the ministry leader. Led for two years. Then, when I took a pastoral role in the next town over, I helped launch another group, partnering with a local pastor who shared my vision.

We always say this program is for anyone with "hurts, habits, and hangups." That about covers all of us, doesn't it? Some nights, we teach a lesson. Other nights, we listen to a testimony—stories of brokenness, healing, and redemption.

Tonight, the man sharing his testimony struggled with something different from me. But then he said something that hit like a gut punch. He talked about his fear of failure. And just like that, I was fourteen again, standing in my childhood home, my father's voice echoing in my head: "You'll never amount to anything."

I was a stubborn, mouthy kid—the one who questioned, who pushed back. My older siblings had the good sense to keep their heads down, to follow the rules. Me? I challenged authority, picked the fights I knew I couldn't win, let my grades slip, and poured myself into things my parents didn't approve of—movies, music, television. I knew from the time I was thirteen that I wanted to be in ministry, but that didn't stop me from rebelling. And my dad? He didn't know what to do with me. In his frustration—maybe even his fear that he was losing me—he said things that cut deep. Words that, decades later, I still hear on my worst days.

"You'll never be a pastor unless..." "You'll never amount to anything."

I shared this with my small group tonight. How those words still creep in when I'm struggling. How, when things get hard, my mind twists them into something even darker:

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***"The Little Church with
a Big Heart!"***



REGULAR SUNDAY

SERVICE TIMES:

9:30-10:30 AM

Sunday School for all ages

10:45 AM

Traditional Worship Service

Pastor Brent Mangus, MDIV

IN WORSHIP - APRIL 2025

April 6—5th Sunday of Lent "Victory Through the Cross: Breaking the Chains of Oppression"
Text: Colossians 2:13-15 / Big Idea: Jesus disarmed the powers of darkness at the cross. In Christ, we have freedom from sin and oppression.

April 13—Palm Sunday— "Standing in Authority: Defeating the Enemy in Jesus' Name"
Text: Luke 10:17-20 / Big Idea: Jesus has given His followers authority over the enemy. We must learn to walk in this victory.

April 17—**Maundy Thursday 2025** Sermon: "The Battle in the Garden"
Text: Matthew 26:36-46 / Theme: Spiritual Warfare in the Garden: Victory Through Surrender

April 18—**Good Friday Service:** Praying the Psalms – Psalm 22 / Theme: The Suffering Servant and the Victory of the Cross

April 20—Resurrection Sunday: "The Final Battle: Christ's Ultimate Triumph" / Communion celebrated
Text: Revelation 19:11-16 / Big Idea: The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate victory over Satan, sin, and death. In Christ, we are victorious!

April 27—Guest Speaker—Reverend Melissa Steinour



*Each week we pray for members and **friends of our Salem Church family**, a church here in the Waynesboro or surrounding area, one of the countries in which Christians are suffering severe persecution, and one of the ministries we support with our mission funds. Please join us in the ministry of prayer!*

April 06: Ann Sheeley

Full Gospel Pentecostal Church
Persecuted Christians in Sudan
Gideon's International

April 13: Anna Snavely

Germantown Church of God
Persecuted Christians in Nigeria
Lion of Judah Academy & Medical Mission

April 20: Chucky & Jamie Snyder

Grace Baptist Church
Persecuted Christians in Pakistan
The Lunch Place

April 27: Linda Stoler

Grace Brethren Church
Persecuted Christians in Myanmar
New Hope Shelter

BLENDED & BLESSED CONFERENCE: "A Renewed Us"

April 5 / 9 AM-3:30 PM Camp Joy El (Free - \$15 Lunch Fee)

3741 Joy El Drive, Greencastle, PA

Blended & Blessed® is a one-day live event and livestream just for stepfamily couples, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2025



USHER/GREETER

4/06 Frank & Marilyn Tracy
 4/13 Nancy Burgesser / John McGuire
 4/20 Terry & Paula Eigenbrode
 4/27 Butch & Joie Rotz

WORSHIP LEADER

4/06 Michelle Lushbaugh
 4/13 Fred West
 4/20 OPEN / TBD
 4/27 Tom McCloud

ACOLYTE

4/06 OPEN / TBD
 4/13 John McGuire
 4/20 Fern McCloud
 4/27 Joie Rotz

OFFERING COUNTERS

4/06 Ruth Ann H. / Fred Wh.
 4/13 Linda S. / Troy J.
 4/20 Sandi B. / John M.
 4/27 Lana L. / Fred Wh.

NURSERY

4/06 OPEN / TBD
 4/13 Kim K. / TBD
 4/20 OPEN / TBD
 4/27 OPEN / TBD

*ALTAR FLOWERS

4/06 Russ & Diane Ellis
 4/13 Fred & Darlene West
 4/20 Sam & Aurita Rose
 4/27 Joann Morganthall

**If you signed up for Altar Flowers and plan to have them on display in the Sanctuary, please contact the church secretary no later than the Sunday before (one week prior) in order to have your dedication in the bulletin. We also have silk flowers on hand for those who do not wish to use live floral bouquets.*

Soup and Sandwich Relay for Life Fundraiser

On Sunday, April 6th, following the worship service, we will be having our annual “ Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser” for Relay For Life. For your lunch, you will be able to choose from multiple types of soup (taste them all !!!) and 2 kinds of sandwiches. Cost for lunch is by donation. Soup will also be sold by the pint/ quart. This is our major fund raiser for Relay. Please plan to attend. Your support is needed and appreciated.

Wednesdays 6:30 PM
 Fairview Ave. BIC Church
 152 Fairview Ave.,
 Waynesboro, PA 17268



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please continue using the Prayer Cards on Sundays as they allow the prayer request and name to be accurately passed from the Pastor

to the Secretary to be added to the bulletin. It is very difficult to hear and record the requests when given verbally during the service. It also allows them to be read so those in the Fellowship Hall and parking lot hear them. Thank you for your help with this important ministry of the church.

To send requests through the Prayer Chain, you can email them to Sandi Barnett at: barnetts05@comcast.net or call her cell: 240-675-3495

EASTER EGG HUNT 2025 will be held at Salem Church on Palm Sunday, April 13th for ages up to 12 years old. Refreshments will follow. Donations of wrapped candy, sized to fit into a plastic egg, as well as money for candy / refreshments are needed and appreciated.



April 2025 Calendar of Events / Activities

REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday Morning: Bible Study, 10 AM-12 PM Salem Fellowship Center

Dates to Remember:

		<u>Time:</u>
April 05	Blended & Blessed Conference/Camp Joy El	9:00 AM-3:30 PM
April 06	Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser	12:00 PM (after 10:45 AM Svc.)
April 09	Leland Ministry (all welcome to come)	2:00 PM
April 10	Ministry Council	7:00 PM
April 13	Egg Hunt / Newsletter Deadline (early due to Easter)	10:00 AM / 8:00 PM
April 17	Maundy Thursday Service	??7:00 PM
April 18	Good Friday Svc / Game Nite	12:00 PM / 6:00 PM
April 20	Easter Sunrise Service	6:00 AM
April 25	Youth Gym Night at FWC	6:00-9:00 PM



- 4/2 Butch Rotz
- 4/5 Tristin Kahl Heyward
- 4/6 Sam Rose

- 4/10 Lori Eigenbrode
- 4/10 Gracen Woodring
- 4/11 Wendy Eigenbrode
- 4/11 Fred West
- 4/12 Buck Mull
- 4/16 David Davies
- 4/19 Brad Bennett, Jr.
- 4/19 Diane Ellis
- 4/25 Goldie Lew Mull
- 4/27 Anne Shepard



- 4-1-17 Russ & Diane Ellis
- 4-3 Fred & Darlene West
- 4-10 John & Roseline Farmer
- 4-24-92 Sam & Aurita Rose

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"This church doesn't like you. They're going to fire you. Your dad was right—you'll never amount to anything." "Your kids don't love you. You're a failure of a father." "You'll never be enough."

That's when I have to grab those thoughts—wrestle them down, surrender them, sometimes for the hundredth time.

The truth is, my dad and I have a good relationship now. He tells me he's proud of me. He cheers me on in ministry. He says he loves me. But even with that healing, the old wounds whisper. So I have to preach

the Gospel to myself, again and again. I remind myself of the one voice that matters. The voice that speaks louder than my father's words, louder than my doubts, louder than my fear of failure.

Jesus loves me. He died for me. He made me a new creation. I am who He says I am.

And that is the truth that breaks the chains of my past. And my prayer is that it's the same truth, the same good news, that you, dear reader, will apply to your hurts, habits, and hangups.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES:

Dear Jean, Thank you for donating Christmas gifts to 27 residents here at the Restoration Center on behalf of Salem Church. Your generosity helped make their holiday at SMRC (South Mt. Restoration Ctr.) a personal and delightful experience. Thank you for all your continued support.

In appreciation, Pam Lohman

Thank you

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministry Council Officers & Members 2025:

Council/Congregation, President:

Butch Rotz 717-762-6961

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Ex-officio members:

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)
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Ministers to the Community:

All members

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MINISTRY TEAMS

Administrative Ministry Teams - *Sherry Hill
Financial Oversight - Bob Crouse
H.E.L.P. - Linda Stoler
Historical Records - Wendy Eigenbrode
Personnel - Linda Stoler

Caring Ministry Teams - *Deb Nash
Board of Deacons - Lu Kennedy
Funeral Meals - Paula Eigenbrode
Family Assistance Fund - Linda Stoler
Meals - Bonnie Rhodes
Prayer Chain - Sandi Barnett

Christian Education Ministry Teams - *Michelle Lushbaugh
Adult Sunday School - Tom McCloud
Bible Studies, Classes, Seminars - Pastor Brent
Children's Ministries— Jack Martin
Nursery - Cindy Johnson

Fellowship Ministry Teams - *Lu Kennedy
Game Nite - Jean Kahl
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Tom & Fern McCloud

Outreach Ministry Team - *Ruth Ann Helman
Leland Ministry - Lu Kennedy
Mission Team - Jim Ressler
Relay for Life Team - Linda Stoler
Salvation Army Bell Ringers - Tom & Fern McCloud
Women's Fellowship Project Group—Joie Rotz

Property & Maintenance Ministry Team - *Judy White
Cemetery - Troy Johnson/John McGuire
Property & Maintenance - Troy Johnson/John McGuire
Columbarium/Scattering Garden - Paula Eigenbrode
Safety & Security - Chuck & Jamie Snyder
Property Improvement Committee - TBD

Spiritual Council - *Linda Stoler
Pastoral Relations Ministry Team - Jeff Rhodes

Worship Ministry Teams - *Mike Eisenberger
Worship Team - Linda Wilson
Praise Music Team - Wendy Beeler
Tech Team - Sam Rose
Marquee - Michelle Lushbaugh
Acolytes— Fern McCloud

*The names with an asterisk are the liaisons for that particular ministry