

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

The Meek Giant

This week has been a flood of unexpected grace. As I write on Friday, September 19, the EA Convocation hasn't even begun, and already my heart is full to the brim.

Thanks to Salem's generosity and the support of the elders and congregation, I left for Convocation early and made my way to Dallas for The Art of Leadership Live. They capped attendance at 200 pastors—small enough that it felt like a circle of friends, even among strangers. We sat in tables of eight, grouped by church size and years of experience.

On the first evening, Carey Nieuwhof, the host, stood before us—not with polished strategies or easy answers, but with raw honesty. He spoke about the struggles of the past eighteen months in his own life and then left us with a piercing question: "How are you really doing?" That night in our hotel room, Darren Rowles and I wrestled with the question ourselves. We spoke honestly. We named stressors. We confessed. There was healing in simply telling the truth.

Later in the week came a session on revival. The speaker reminded us that revival never arrives without repentance. And then we did the unthinkable: we confessed sin publicly. The room of pastors fell into holy silence, broken only by trembling voices. It was powerful, humbling, cleansing.

When the conference ended, I drove south to Spring, just outside Houston, to stay with my cousin Heather and her husband Dave. We shared dinner around their table, swapped stories, laughed about family, and enjoyed the simple joy of being together.

This morning, before the sun came up, I packed my bags for the pastor's retreat in Needville. Dave and Heather rose early to make me breakfast and send me off. As I stood by the door, Heather stepped behind me, placed her small hand on my shoulder, and began to pray. Barely five feet tall, she became a giant in that moment. Her words thundered with conviction and tenderness—interceding for my marriage, my children, my ministry, my soul. When she finished, Dave added his own prayer, steady and affirming. Then I returned the gift, blessing them and their home.

But before I could leave, something unexpected happened. Heather wrapped her arms around me and began speaking blessings over my life—words of affirmation that poured like living water. For a minute that felt frozen in time, it was as though God Himself was whispering through her. I will never forget it.

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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 - OCTOBER 2025
Series Title: “Rooted in Grace: The Five Solas in Ephesians”

October 5*World Communion Sunday: Sermon 2: Sola Gratia – Grace Alone

Text: Ephesians 2:1–9 / Title: Amazing Grace: God’s Gift, Not Our Gain

Big Idea: Salvation is entirely by God’s grace—it is not earned, but given freely to the undeserving.

Focus: The hopelessness of sin and the richness of God’s mercy.

October 12: Sermon 3: Sola Fide – Faith Alone

Text: Ephesians 2:8–10 / Title: Faith That Saves: Receiving the Gift of God

Big Idea: We are justified before God through faith—not works—so that no one can boast.

Focus: The role of faith in receiving grace and being made right with God.

October 19: Sermon 4: Solus Christus – Christ Alone

Text: Ephesians 1:3–14; 2:13–18 / Title: In Christ Alone: Our Savior and Peace

Big Idea: Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man, the center of our salvation.

Focus: The sufficiency of Christ’s work—chosen, redeemed, united in Him.

October 26: Sermon 5: Soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God Alone

Text: Ephesians 3:20–21; 1:6, 12, 14 / Title: To the Praise of His Glory: Living for God Alone

Big Idea: All things—including our salvation—exist for the glory of God.

Focus: The ultimate purpose of grace, faith, and salvation is to glorify God.

***Please note we will serve and celebrate Communion on October 5th. Communion Elder is Terry Eigenbrode.**



*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!*

October 05:

Randy & Wendy Eigenbrode

Pond Bank Independent Church

Persecuted Christians in Libia

PMI-Pregnancy Ministries International

October 12:

Viola Eigenbrode

Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro

Persecuted Christians in Laos

Relay For Life

October 19:

Mike & Tammy Eisenberger

Quincy United Methodist Church

Persecuted Christians in Vietnam

Rider, Jonathan and Garima (India)

October 26:

Russ & Diane Ellis

Refuge Tabernacle

Persecuted Christians in Yemen

Robinson, Bruce & Deb (Crossworld, Haiti)



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



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2025



USHER/GREETER

10/05 Terry & Paula Eigenbrode
10/12 John McGuire
10/19 Jean Kahl & S. School Class
10/26 Mary Margaret / Cathie

WORSHIP LEADER

10/05 Aurita Rose
10/12 Fred West
10/19 Dennis Goshorn
10/26 Lu Kennedy

ACOLYTE

10/05 **OPEN / TBD**
10/12 John McGuire
10/19 Tom McCloud
10/26 OPEN / TBD

OFFERING COUNTERS

10/05 Lana L. / Linda S.
10/12 Ruth Ann H. / Terry E.
10/19 Sandi B. / John Mc.
10/26 Troy J. / Fred Wh.

NURSERY

10/05 Wendy Eigenbrode
10/12 **OPEN / TBD**
10/19 Ruth Ann Helman
10/26 Wendy Eigenbrode

*ALTAR FLOWERS

10/05 Terry & Paula Eigenbrode
10/12 Lu Kennedy
10/19 Diane Ellis
10/26 Viola Eigenbrode

**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.*

"The Meek Giant" continued

I told Darren earlier in the week that Heather is wise and godly, and I knew I'd be blessed by our time together. But I had no idea how powerfully God would use her. That single moment was enough to fill my cup. If my Texas trip had ended right there, it would have been more than enough.

This morning, as I look back on this week, I feel the weight of gratitude—for family who prays with boldness, for parents and siblings and cousins who walk in faith, for a God who surprises me with grace when I least expect it.

I am a blessed man.



MISSION BULLETIN BOARD

Want to know what is going on with our supported missionaries? Don't forget

to check out the Mission Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Center. There you will find the latest newsletters and updates!



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

Salem Church Special Offering
Project for October: Disaster Relief



October 2025 Calendar of Events / Activities

REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

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

Dates to Remember:

October 05	World Communion Sunday	10:45 AM
October 08	Leland Ministry (all welcome to come)	2:00 PM
October 09	Ministry Council	7:00 PM
October 17	Salem Game Nite	6:00 PM
October 19	Newsletter deadline	8:00 PM
October 31	Hallowed Be Thy Name Night of Worship	6:30 PM at FLWC
November 1	All Saints' Day Service at Salem Church	7:00 PM



10/6 Fred White
10/6 Teresa Baker
10/7 Jeff Rhodes

10/12 Randy Eigenbrode
10/15 Connie McCabe
10/16 Terry Eigenbrode
10/17 John Helman
10/20 Pat Gebhart
10/23 Fern McCloud
10/24 Gabe Beeler
10/27 Rodney Anderson
10/28 Ruth Ann Helman
10/28 Cindy Johnson
10/30 Susan Hewitt



10-6 Tom & Deb Kennedy
10-7-95 Pat Minnick & Anne Shepard
10-16 Roger & Susan Fuller



Have you taken notice of Salem's beautiful cemetery, Columbarium and Scattering Garden? Although our cemetery is full, we have niches available for purchase in our Columbarium. There are 48 niches, and each niche can hold the cremains of two loved ones. Like that of a headstone, the person's name, date of birth and date of passing can be inscribed. Feel free to enter the cemetery and take a stroll. There's also a bench in the scattering garden for prayer or meditation. If you have any questions, contact Paula Eigenbrode, Michelle Lushbaugh or John McGuire.

NOT FEELING WELL? GET SOME SOUP!! Don't forget: there is frozen homemade chicken noodle soup for use when you or your loved ones are ill. The soup is in the freezer side of the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall. Get some nourishing homemade soup to "feel better" soon.



SALEM GAME NITE!

The next *Game Nite* is scheduled for Friday, October 17 / 6 PM in the Fellowship Center. Please contact Jean Kahl if you have questions or suggestions. Let's PLAY!



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministry Council Officers & Members 2025:

Council/Congregation, President:

Butch Rotz 717-762-6961

Council/Congregation, Vice President:

Sherry Hill 717-794-2785

Secretary:

John McGuire 240-357-6237

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Sandi Barnett 240-675-3495

Ruth Ann Helman 717-762-8972

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Mike Eisenberger 717-977-0292

Lu Kennedy 717-762-9692

Michelle Lushbaugh 717-762-4193

Deb Nash 503-891-5448

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

Judy White 717-762-7008

Ex-officio members:

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)

Ruth Ann Helman (Treasurer)

Sandi Barnett (Treasurer)

Council of Elders 2025:

Terry Eigenbrode 717-762-4720

Troy Johnson 717-762-4426

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Jim Ressler 717-762-2643

Jeff Rhodes 717-762-9435

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Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

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 - Diane E., Lu K. Judy W.

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