

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

The Making of a Minister

My middle name, Donald, has always carried more weight than most people might imagine. I was named after my grandfather, Don Mangus—a church planter and pastor whose sermons shaped not just congregations, but the fabric of our family. From the earliest days of my life, people said I'd be a preacher one day. Grandpa said it, my parents said it, even people at church said it. And maybe they saw something I couldn't yet.

While most kids my age were playing "school" or "house," I played "church." I'd pull on one of my dad's ties, stand behind a cardboard box I called a pulpit, and preach to an invisible congregation. In my imagination, they were rapt with attention, hanging on every word. I'm sure I made up most of the sermons—but the seed was planted early.

When I was thirteen, that seed sprouted at a Christian camp in South Carolina called The Wilds. It was the highlight of every summer—over a thousand kids, wild games, swimming, hiking, and plenty of good-hearted flirting with girls from all over the country. Every year I came home with new pen pals, one of whom, a girl named Jen, wrote to me for nearly four years. I wish I could remember her last name.

But beyond the games and laughter, what drew me most to The Wilds was the preaching. We always tried to go the week that Dr. Tom Farrell was speaking. He was funny, intense, and had that unmistakable sense that God was working through him. That summer, he preached a series on Elijah and Elisha, and one message—"The Man God Uses"—cut straight through me. He challenged us to surrender our lives to full-time ministry, and I knew right then what I had to do. I made the commitment.

The next Sunday at our home church, Landmark, we were asked to share about our camp experiences. When I stood up and told the congregation that I was surrendering to full-time ministry, Grandpa's eyes filled with tears. He hugged me afterward and said, "I'm proud of you, Brent." Those words sank deep.

That was the first step—but certainly not the last.

The following spring, Grandpa passed away. And not long after, I encountered a struggle that would haunt me for years—a sexual addiction that began innocently enough but quickly became a secret battle. When I returned to camp the next summer, Dr. Farrell preached about Samson and how his compromise destroyed his calling. His words hit hard. I confessed my sin, determined to change. But the struggle continued, on and off, for the next fourteen years.

Still, God's hand never left me. When I was fourteen, I preached my first sermon—a five-minute message on Psalm 136. I must've repeated "for His mercy endureth forever" a dozen times. People told me years later that they still remembered that sermon. It was short, simple, and pure-hearted. I started preaching monthly at a nursing home after that.

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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 - NOVEMBER 2025

New Series Title: “Bearer of the Flame: Christ’s Word to the Church”

Big Idea of the Series: Christ is the Light of the World, and He calls His Church to bear His light with faithfulness, love, truth, and endurance. But if we lose our way, He will remove our lampstand.

November 2: Week 1: Ephesus – Return to First Love / Text: Revelation 2:1–7

Theme: Orthodoxy without love / **Big Idea:** Right doctrine without love is still darkness. Christ desires hearts that burn with love for Him.

November 9: Week 2: Smyrna – Faithful Through the Fire / Text: Revelation 2:8–11

Theme: Suffering and persecution / **Big Idea:** When we suffer for Christ, our light shines brightest.

November 16: Guest Speaker: The Reverend Carl Batzel

November 23*: Week 3: Pergamum – Truth in a Compromising World / Text: Revelation 2:12–17

Theme: Holding fast to truth in a culture of compromise / **Big Idea:** Faithfulness to Christ’s truth keeps our flame from being snuffed out by the world’s lies.

November 30: Week 4: Thyatira – Holiness in the Hidden Places / Text: Revelation 2:18–29

Theme: Tolerance of sin and hidden immorality / **Big Idea:** The light of Christ exposes and purifies the dark places in our lives.

***Please note we will serve and celebrate Thanksgiving Communion on November 23rd. Communion Elder is Jeff Rhodes.**



*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!*

Nov. 02: Andy & Pame Emerick

Restoration Church of God
Persecuted Christians in Egypt
Samaritan’s Purse

Nov. 09: Susie Fogle

Rouzerville Church of the Brethren
Persecuted Christians in Ethiopia
She’s Somebody’s Daughter

Nov. 16: Roger & Susie Fuller

Rouzerville United Methodist Church
Persecuted Christians in North Korea
Spring of Hope

Nov. 23: Pat & Ed Gebhart

Salem Ridge Community Church
Persecuted Christians in Saudi Arabia
Don & Karen Stauffer (GOM, India)

Nov. 30: Dennis & Jan Goshorn

Solomon’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
Persecuted Christians in Afghanistan
Waynesboro Community Human Services



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 NOVEMBER 2025

<u>USHER/GREETER</u>		<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>		<u>ACOLYTE</u>	
11/2	Wendy E. / John Mc.	11/2	Joie Rotz	11/2	John McGuire
11/9	OPEN / TBD	11/9	Aurita Rose	11/9	Fern McCloud
11/16	Tom & Fern McCloud	11/16	Dennis Goshorn	11/16	Tom McCloud
11/23	Frank & Marilyn Tracy	11/23	Lu Kennedy	11/23	Frank Tracy
11/30	OPEN / TBD	11/30	OPEN / TBD	11/30	OPEN / TBD

<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>		<u>NURSERY</u>		<u>*ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	
11/2	Ruth Ann H. / Linda S.	11/2	Cindy Johnson	11/2	Rick & Wendy Beeler
11/9	Sandi B. / Lana L.	11/9	Wendy Eigenbrode	11/9	Nancy Burgesser
11/16	Terry E. / John Mc.	11/16	Ruth Ann Helman	11/16	Anita Johnson
11/23	Troy J. / Fred Wh.	11/23	TBD: Kim Kennedy	11/23	Jean Kahl
11/30	Wendy E. / Linda S.	11/30	Wendy Eigenbrode	11/30	John McGuire

**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.*

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Then came another pivotal voice: a visiting youth pastor, Brother Kurt Copeland. During a school chapel service, he challenged us to make a difference in our generation—to live for the Lord without compromise. Once again, I re-committed myself to the call.

After high school, I enrolled at Pensacola Christian College and majored in Pastoral Ministries. Four years later, diploma in hand, I moved to Maine to become a youth pastor. For nine years, I served students and families there. Those were some of the best and hardest years of my life. When my marriage fell apart and my wife filed for divorce, I resigned, broken and convinced that my time in ministry was over.

Then came Basic Training.

At first, I thought it was just a new chapter in life, but God had something else in mind. During training, the chaplain gave me the responsibility of leading the first half of the Protestant chapel service each week. No constraints. No script. I led everything up to the sermon—and even the invitation afterward. I had never been given that kind of freedom before, and through it, God began to breathe life back into my calling. Soldiers started coming to me for prayer and counsel. It was as if God whispered, “You’re not done yet.”

That’s when I knew—I was called to be a chaplain.

About a year later, I began seminary in Pennsylvania, pursuing my Master of Divinity. Four years of hard study, working, serving, and healing. Even then, I didn’t feel called to be a pastor. I thought I’d serve as a chaplain or perhaps join the staff of a larger church as a pastoral care director. But when every door in that direction closed, I heard about a small country church in the next town overlooking for a pastor.

That church was Salem.

I prayed, applied, interviewed—and five months later, I stood behind a real pulpit once again, as the pastor of Salem Church.

Today, I can honestly say I love everything about being a pastor—the visits, the counseling, the weddings, even the funerals. But what I love most is preaching the Word of God. There’s something holy about standing before a congregation—or a room full of Soldiers—and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All along, God had been preparing me for this. From the cardboard box pulpit in my childhood bedroom to the small sanctuary of a country church, it’s been one long, winding road of grace.

And through it all, one truth remains the same—His mercy endureth forever.

November 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>
November 01	All Saints' Day Service at Salem Church	7:00 PM
November 02	Daylight Saving-time Ends. Fall back 1 hour	N/A
November 12	Leland Ministry (all welcome to come)	2:00 PM
November 13	Ministry Council	7:00 PM
November 16	Newsletter deadline (early due to Thanksgiving)	8:00 PM
November 21	Salem Game Nite	6:00 PM
November 23	Thanksgiving Communion	10:45 AM
November 27	Happy Thanksgiving!	N/A
November 29	Hanging of the Greens	5:30 PM



11/06 Charlotte Beeler
 11/09 Asher Layne Grove
 11/11 Lu Kennedy
 11/11 TT Williford
 11/17 Ken May
 11/18 Allan Wilson
 11/25 Pastor Brent Mangus
 11/27 Emma Rose Grove
 11/29 Coby Grove
 11/29 Kane Kochera
 11/29 Bertie Lawyer



11-03-12 Rick & Wendy Beeler
 11-07-21 Coby & Emma Grove
 11-19-82 Allan & Linda Wilson
 11-25-88 Troy & Cindy Johnson
 11-26-16 John & Carolyn Kennedy
 11-30-86 Mike & Tammy Eisenberger

Vet's Christmas Blessings

Salem church is very pleased this year to assist the Waynesboro American Legion with their "Vet's Christmas Blessings" program to help local veterans in need during the upcoming Christmas season. We will be collecting personal care items including lotion, chapstick, Kleenex, socks, and slipper socks. Collection for these items will be November 1st. thru December 10th. We are collecting items for 37 men and 3 women. All items will be delivered to the American Legion on December 11th for distribution by the American Legion.



**Hanging
of the
Greens**

Saturday, November 29

5:30 PM

**Salem Fellowship Center
And Sanctuary**

**November
Special Offering Project:**



**The Voice
of the Martyrs**

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

Jean Kahl 717-977-0867

Jim Ressler 717-762-2643

Jeff Rhodes 717-762-9435

Sam Rose 717-762-8582

Butch Rotz 717-762-6961

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