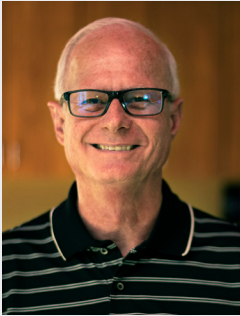


# The Sunlight

SALEM'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 24<sup>th</sup> 2022 Edition



## From the Heart

For those of you who know me, you know that I am a huge University of Virginia fan. It's tough living in Apex North Carolina with three major universities in our backyard (Duke, NCSU, and UNC) and root for a team from another state.

I grew up in Virginia and have always been a UVA fan. For the past 10 or so years, Virginia has had a pretty solid men's basketball program led by coach Tony Bennett. In 2018 they entered the NCAA tournament as a number one seed and lost in the first round to a number 16 seed, the first time that had ever happened in the history of the NCAA tournament.

The following year, 2019, they again entered the NCAA tournament as a number one seed and proceeded to win the tournament for their first ever NCAA basketball championship. This past year, after losing several key players to graduation, Virginia experienced what sports teams call a rebuilding year and they missed the NCAA tournament for the first time in seven years. A rebuilding year is when a sports organization attempts to rebuild their program with new recruits and find a winning combination.

As I think about Salem Baptist Church in 2022, I cannot help but think we have just come through a rebuilding year. The pandemic and staff changes caused some major disruptions at Salem but things are getting back to "normal" with new staff in place and a full schedule of ministry and activities. We can take heart knowing that we are in a better position now to fulfill our mission to glorify God, make disciples who pursue Jesus, and share His Story. I believe great things are in store for Salem as we look to the future with hope and purpose as we build upon the foundation of the past and the good news and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

*Mark Harper, Pastor of Administration*

## Hello Salem Family!

We look forward to worshipping with you this **Sunday, July 24 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!*



## Back to School Bash for SalemKids and Weekday Preschool

August 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6PM

SalemKids and Salem Baptist Preschool families are invited to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. We will celebrate with free food, bouncy houses, carnival type games, and a dunk tank. **AND IT'S ALL FREE!!!!**

If you are interested in being part of the fun of serving at this event please contact Pastor Jamie or Tammy Pressley.

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## New Member's Class

Our next New Member's Class will be held **September 11** starting at **9:40 AM**. Come and learn about what it means to be a member of Salem, including our core beliefs and mission. This class is for adults, but we also offer classes for students and children.

Register in the Salem Hub: [Salem-BC.org/hub](https://Salem-BC.org/hub)

## COMMUNITY

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### Save the Date! Sunday August 28 Welcome Party for the Jennings Family

Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

## 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.

## PERSONNEL

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### 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](https://saalem-bc.org/contact) or emailing the Personnel Committee at [personnel@saalem-bc.org](mailto:personnel@saalem-bc.org).

You can view a full job description at [saalem-bc.org/jobs](https://saalem-bc.org/jobs).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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### Glorify Our Lord in Song!

This fall the Worship Choir, Orchestra, and Worship Band will lead us in a Night of Worship on **Sunday evening, September 11, at 6:00 PM.**

We would love for you to be a part of our music ministry! Rehearsals begin on August 3, making this the perfect time to get involved!

Speak to Pastor Olds or visit the Salem Hub ([saalem-bc.org/hub](https://saalem-bc.org/hub)) to sign-up to participate!

There are a number of rehearsal opportunities for us to learn the music for the Night of Worship. Participants do not need to attend all rehearsals.

## SALEM KIDS

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### 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

Registration closes on August 5 or when all slots are filled for a division. The last day of the season is October 29.

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

### 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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/3q7JOhb).

## VOLUNTEERING

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### 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.

**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](http://Salem-bc.org/volunteer)

### 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 [teresadcrawford@gmail.com](mailto:teresadcrawford@gmail.com) or Jan Ellis at [Jdellis214@gmail.com](mailto:Jdellis214@gmail.com)

## MISSIONS

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### 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](http://Salem-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: salem-bc.org/hub](http://on the Hub: salem-bc.org/hub).

If you'd like more information, contact Rachel Corvin at [stroud91@yahoo.com](mailto:stroud91@yahoo.com)

### 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](http://bit.ly/3Bbqupr). If you have more questions, contact Pastor Mike or Debbie Barnes.

# 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](http://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](mailto:deacons@salem-bc.org).

### Pastor Contacts:

- Pastor Brian Jennings . . . . . [bjennings@salem-bc.org](mailto:bjennings@salem-bc.org)
- Pastor Mike Cooper . . . . . [mcooper@salem-bc.org](mailto:mcooper@salem-bc.org)
- Pastor Mark Harper . . . . . [mharper@salem-bc.org](mailto:mharper@salem-bc.org)
- Pastor Jamie Hyden . . . . . [jhyden@salem-bc.org](mailto:jhyden@salem-bc.org)
- Pastor Jeff Olds . . . . . [jolds@salem-bc.org](mailto:jolds@salem-bc.org)

### Lay Staff Contacts:

- Nita Green . . . . . [ngreen@salem-bc.org](mailto:ngreen@salem-bc.org)  
*Homebound Seniors, Wednesday Evening Meals*
- Andrew Osborne . . . . . [aosborne@salem-bc.org](mailto:aosborne@salem-bc.org)  
*Sonlight, website additions/corrections, ministry promotion.*
- Tammy Pressley . . . . . [tpressley@salem-bc.org](mailto:tpressley@salem-bc.org)  
*Weekday preschool questions.*

## This Week at Salem

Sunday, July 24	
8:30 AM	Traditional Worship (MPR)
9:40 AM	BFG Hour ( <a href="http://Salem-BC.org/small-groups">Salem-BC.org/small-groups</a> )
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship (MPR) also <b>streamed online</b>
Monday, July 25 – Saturday July 30	
All Day	Caswell Youth Camp
Tuesday, July 26	
6:30 PM	Women's Workout Class (MPR)
Thursday, July 28	
7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (D132)

## Financial Snapshot: July 17, 2022

♥	Last Week's Giving: \$29,160.54
	2022 Weekly Budget: \$29,617.29
📅	June Giving: \$126,064.71
	June Expenses: \$143,875.05
	YTD Giving as of June: \$696,141.24
	YTD Expenses as of June: \$729,694.15
	Planned 2022 YTD Budget: \$742,873.74
🏠	Building Debt Retirement Fund (Given Last Week): \$1,805.00



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