



**New Salem Baptist Church**

*“In the heart of the community;  
with a heart for your family”*

**A Pastor’s Ponderings  
October 2, 2016**

An old Bible lay on a bargain table along with hundreds of other tattered books. Countless people had walked by, picked it up, and thumbed through its pages. It wasn’t in very good shape, so it had been cast aside. Then a man picked it up, stifled a shout, and rushed to the counter to pay the small asking price. Turns out it was an original Gutenberg Bible estimated to be worth more than a million dollars. How many times had that old book changed hands before it was redeemed? How many times did the world cast it aside, unaware of its value?

When you consider some of the people Jesus called to be His disciples, the word “dysfunctional” comes to mind. But Jesus wasn’t put off. Like finding treasure in the trash, He was able to see their potential, draw it out and develop it. And that’s your story too, if you stop and think about it. The truth is, in the world’s eyes, we were all passed over. But Jesus saw value in us. And rather than paying a bargain price, He paid the highest price possible. “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

Paul writes, “You are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the Living God.” (2 Cor.3:3) Other people don’t write your story. Friend, even you’re not writing your story. “The Spirit of the Living God” is writing your story. I like to believe that means our best days are still ahead! So, when you’re having a bad day, look in the mirror and remind yourself, “Jesus loves me.” Then, go out and try to see others as treasures God couldn’t live without.

**Weekly Schedule for October 2 to October 9**

**Today** Sunday School .....10:00 am  
Morning Worship .....11:00 am  
Evening Worship .....6:00 pm  
Choir Practice .....Following evening worship

**Tuesday** Men’s Breakfast .....9:00 am  
Ladies’ Prayer Group .....9:30 am  
(at Dorothy Holley’s home)

**Wednesday** Fellowship Supper .....5:30 pm

<i>Group activities begin at 7:00 pm</i>	Kids In Action
	The Experience* Junior High Small Group* (* meets at <u>The Spot</u> )

Adult Prayer & Bible Study Groups

**Next Sunday** Sunday School .....10:00 am  
Morning Worship .....11:00 am  
Evening worship .....6:00 pm  
Choir Practice .....Following evening worship

**FELLOWSHIP OF TRUTH** (Alternate Tuesdays)  
The next meeting for this ladies’ Bible study, *Fellowship Of Truth*, will be **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** in the fellowship hall at **6:00 p.m.** Contact **Marlene Simpson** at **753-8783** for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Leo Pasciak .....Today! Laura Norton .....Monday Levi Norton .....Monday Paula Waterhouse .....Monday Betty Taylor .....Wednesday Hunter Barker .....Thursday Rena Hensley .....Thursday “Brother” Snapp .....Saturday	<b>None this week...</b>

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Pam Dugger and ...to be determined	AM - Bo & Noel Shell and Lilly

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

Come join us for supper (meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, baked apples, rolls & drink)! Meals are **\$4.00** each or **\$12.00** for families. A **sign up sheet** is in the foyer. (If your child needs a different meal, it would be helpful to know how much alternate menu items to provide.) If you don’t get a chance to sign up or need more information, call **Lavon Jones @ 426-8105**. There’s usually enough for a few extra folks, but we want to be sure to have plenty for everyone. Supper starts promptly at **5:30 p.m.** If we can serve the last meals **no later than 6:15**, that will give us more time to prepare for KIA and study groups at **7:00 p.m.**

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm: *Kingdom Man, Kingdom Woman.*** In addition to these small groups, our **pastor** has a Bible study in the sanctuary on **“the Gifts of the Holy Spirit”**.

**2016 HARVEST CELEBRATION**

On **Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**, Shannon Bunch will be singing for us followed by our annual Harvest Dinner. And back by popular demand, the 16<sup>th</sup> will also be *“Drive-Your-Tractor-To-Church Sunday”*. Activities are being planned for after church including a hay-ride through the community. So come and spend the day with us as we celebrate God’s bountiful blessings on New Salem church.

**KIDS IN ACTION**

**Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, rehearsals will include **scenes 1, 2**, and the songs: **David’s Dynasty** and **Bethie-Boring**. (During the month of October, soloists need to sing without vocals.)

Please remember to be prepared for the Sunday morning, October 16<sup>th</sup> performance of *“Trading My Sorrows”*. Be in basement by 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, play rehearsals will begin at 6:00 p.m.

## Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)

### Sickness & Hospital



### Salvation

Bernice Bailey  
Tommy Bailey  
B.F. Barker  
Lorene Barr  
Lois Broyles  
Tony Broyles  
Judy Burgner  
Rita Burleson  
Sid Burleson  
Wade Cole  
Tina Coleman  
T.J. Crawford  
Rena Cutshall  
Steve Cutshall  
Mary Davidson  
Charles Ellis  
Barbara Fazio  
Richard Fleenor  
Fawn Gale  
Charles Garland  
Regina Gauntt  
Kenneth Gray  
Sonja Green  
David Greer  
Jimmy Grubbs  
Lynn Hampton  
Janice Hardix  
Linda Hensley  
Pauline Hensley  
Cash Hicks  
Joann Holley  
Ray Holtsinger  
Becky Hooks  
Joe Huffman  
Glenna Hughes  
Johnny Jandor  
David Long  
Nancy Malone  
Paul Masters  
Katrina Mausolf  
Jim McNamara  
Sharon McQueen  
Matthew Millsaps  
Teresa Monteon  
Becky Mooks  
Pastor Kevin Morris  
Debbie Page  
Glenda Perdue  
Jordan St.John  
Art Simpson

Larry & Judy Smith  
Mildred Snapp  
Pastor Sneed  
Robert Story  
Jule Susong  
Ed Tanner  
Betty & Elmer Taylor  
Bob Tibble  
Doris Townsend  
Judy Vanlandingham  
Cameron Whitaker  
Gene Wilcox  
Flo Wilmouts  
Denise Young

### Other Requests

American Military  
*Radio Ministry*  
*The Spot*  
The families of our  
community  
Local churches  
without pastors  
Washington County  
Jail Ministry  
Issac Cutshall  
Traveling safety  
Unspoken requests  
New Small Groups  
FISH Ministry  
Amanda English  
The young couples of  
our church  
Jerrell Elwell  
Donald Wood  
Doug & Barb  
Weberg's travels  
Paige Snapp

### Shut-in & Nursing Home

Joanne Goode  
Rena Hensley  
Peggy Roberts  
Lou Shelton  
Eric Starnier  
Christine Kyker  
Brownlow Yarbor  
Millie Yarbor

Note: If a name  
needs to remain  
on the prayer list  
for longer than  
one month, just  
let Pastor Craig  
know.



Men, mark your calendars! We will be restarting our **New Salem Men's Group** on Saturday morning, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This group will be led by **Joe Barker** and **Jay Curtis**. It will include breakfast at **8:30 a.m.** followed immediately by Bible Study led by **Pastor Randy Hensley** from *The Rock Fellowship*. Plan now to come out for an exciting time of food, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Future meeting dates will be announced later.

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