



# New Salem Baptist Church

Your Journey. Our Focus.

**May 21, 2017**

## A Pastor's Ponderings

Above the gate at the front entrance of the German concentration camp at Auschwitz, Poland are the words, *Arbeit Macht Frei*. Translation? "*Work Makes Free*". "Work will liberate you and give you freedom" was a Nazi propaganda lie offering a false hope to the people. The Nazis made the people believe hard work would equal liberation. But the promised "liberation" was horrifying suffering and death that came to be known as The Holocaust.

*Arbeit Macht Frei*. One reason that phrase rings so relevant for today is because it is the spiritual lie of this age. It is a satanic lie. It's a religious lie. It's an impossible dream for many people. It's a false hope. Many people live their lives hoping their good works will be enough to outweigh their bad works and allow them to stand before God in eternity and say, "You owe me the right to enter into your heaven."

*Arbeit Macht Frei*. It is the hope of every false religion. Most world religions have always had a long list of things people must do to become saved. But only the love of God can liberate the soul and make man free. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can liberate.

*Arbeit Macht Frei*. These 3 words must be replaced with 5 words that will take you all the way to heaven: *Only Jesus And Jesus Only*. It's not enough to simply say these words. It's not enough to merely memorize them or to write them down. Our entire hope for eternity is found in Christ alone.

"Most religions of the world spell salvation with just two letters, "DO". Christians spell it "DONE".

--Bill Hybels, senior pastor, Willow Creek Church

## Weekly Schedule for May 21 to May 28

**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 Linda Bailey's home)

**Wednesday** Fellowship Supper .....5:30-6:30 pm  
 K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall  
 The Experience\*  
 Junior High Small Group\*  
 (\* meets at The Spot)  
 Adult Prayer & Bible Study

**Saturday** VBS Kickoff Day .....2:00 - 4:00 pm

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



**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER**

This week's menu:

**Italian stuffed pasta shells, salad, bread, dessert, & drink**

Meals are **\$4.00** for each adult. Please sign up in foyer.  
 Supper will be served from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
 Call **Lavon Jones @ 426-8105** for more information or to change your plans.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS		
<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	
AM - James & Ashley Bailey and Karen Gillis	AM - Sheree Cloyd, Tracey Shipley and Deanna Curtis	
HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
Gunner Barker .....Today! Jessica Hodge.....Wed., May 24 Shelby Humphrey.....Sat., May 27 Mildred Snapp .....Sat., May 27 Pam Douthat.....Mon., May 29 Debbie Tibble .....Mon., May 29	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
<b>Thursday, May 25</b> Martin & Nikki Harmon		
<b>Friday, May 26</b> Steve & Rena Cutshall		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE NEED SHOES!

Pastor Ponder has extended a challenge to our church to collect 25 pairs of **new shoes** to send to a school in Africa.

Here are the details: Child sizes **8** and below. Play shoes not dress shoes. Boys and/or girls. We need them no later than this coming Wednesday night. Contact Pastor Ponder if you have any questions.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The kickoff day for VBS is **THIS Saturday, May 27**. (See insert for more details about the kickoff.) VBS is scheduled for **May 29-June 2** daily from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon** with *family night on Friday, June 2*. Please keep our teachers, volunteers, and the entire church staff in your daily prayers as we prepare for this special opportunity to share Christ with the children... and indirectly with their families.

### DIRECTORY INFORMATION

We are trying to update the church directory, and **we need your help**. We have several new families and changes in our family profiles (such as new babies). If there have been changes made in your family or if you have joined New Salem Church during the past 2 years, please complete an **information form** and give it to **Lavon Jones** or **Linda King**. (Someone can point us out to you if we haven't become acquainted.) The sooner we can accumulate all the new data and revise the ones we already have, the sooner we can update the church directory. *If you need to revise your **address** or **telephone number***, you can fill out a form also, or you can contact **Linda King** by phone or text @ **948-0079**.



## **Even Demons Believe In Jesus!**

Suggested in a message by Pastor Craig Ponder  
At New Salem Baptist Church on May 21, 2017

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### **They believe in the deity of Christ.**

*When they saw Jesus, they bowed down to him and cried out,  
“You are the Son of God” (Mark 3:11-12)*

### **They know His human Name.**

*What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? (Luke 4:34)*

### **They know His divine origin.**

*I know who you are—the Holy One of God (Luke 4:34)*

### **They recognize true preaching of the gospel.**

*These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to  
you the way of salvation (Acts 16:17)*

### **They recognize false preaching of the gospel.**

*Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you? (Acts 19:15)*

### **They believe in hell.**

*They were imploring Him not to command them to go away  
into the abyss. (Luke 8:31)*

### **They acknowledge Jesus as their ultimate judge.**

*Those begged Jesus not to torment them. (Mark 5:7)*

### **They believe in a set time for their punishment.**

*They ask Jesus, “Have you come to punish us before our time?”  
(Matthew 8:29)*

### **They know Jesus is sovereign over them.**

*They asked Jesus for permission to enter pigs. (Mark 5:11-13)*

### **They know they must bow before Jesus.**

*When the demon-infested man saw Jesus, he voluntarily bows  
down before Him. (Mark 5:6)*

### **They submit to the power of Jesus’ word.**

*When He casts them out of a person, they must come out.  
(Matthew 17:18)*

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***Quite an impressive array of theological insight!***