



# SALEM SPIRIT OF LIFE CHURCH

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TEAMWORK DIVIDES THE EFFORT AND MULTIPLIES THE EFFECT.

Remember your Pastor is available for home visits if you know someone who would like to have a visit please see Pastor Don after service or call the church phone.

If you are visiting us for the first time we hope that your worship experience enriches you and we hope to see you again soon. Please complete an information sheet so we know you were here and let us know if you would like to join our Salem Spirit of Life Yahoo group on the internet.

### ***Marion-Polk Food Share- 900 lbs collected so far.***

We are collecting nonperishables for the Marion -Polk Food Share. So far we have collected over 900 pounds since August 2009. We collected 200 lbs from the Art Fair. Next week we are asking you to bring **Beans** or anything else on the list. **The list of other needed items is on the back table.**

### ***Good Search Update:***

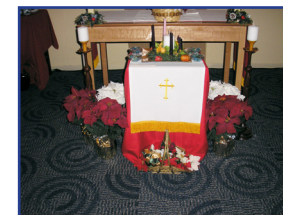
Another way of support Salem Spirit of Life is through Good Search. Remember as the holiday shopping begins to shop through Good Search. Instructions on how to use Good Search are on the back table. **Remember to tell your family and friends.** We have raised approximately **\$1.31** towards next year. ***Thanks everyone!***

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Beginning with the first Sunday in February we will change our Worship Service to 10:00AM each week. This will allow for everyone to be home earlier and enjoy the afternoons with Family and Friends.

**Mark your calendars for February 6, 2011 Service at 10:00 AM.**

We will continue with our Pot Luck and Movie night the 3rd Friday of the month. Start Time will be 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM followed by a movie.

## **From The Desk of The Pastor:**

My thoughts are with all of you as we welcome in 2011.

May the New Year bring us all we hope for Peace not only in the world but within each of us.

For the many who lost their jobs in 2010 – that they will find new opportunities in the New Year.

For the many who have had financial difficulties during the last year – that they may be able to prosper in the New Year.

For those we have been struggling with addictions and illness this past year – that they may have the help they need and overcome their struggles in the New Year.

2010 has been a most challenging year for all of us and we can only look forward to a better 2011.

Pastor Don

## **Coming Home To Church:**

Have you been away from Church for sometime and would like to return but don't know which direction to go? The Bible gives a beautiful picture of how God welcomes us when we come to Him. It is Jesus' well-known story of the Prodigal Son who had strayed away from home, wasted all his living, gotten himself into real deep trouble and ended up absolutely down-and-out. When this young man came to the end of all his resources, his thought was, I'd better go back home. The son wondered will my father receive me, will he take me back. Remember how the father received this young man? His father never scolds him but welcomes him with open arms. This is a beautiful picture of how God receives us. He does not scold us; He does not blame us, He is not stern and distant. He is loving and warm and gracious. Keep that in mind as you think about returning to Church.

Come join us at Salem Spirit of Life Church were you will be welcomed no matter where you are on your Spiritual Journey. At Salem Spirit of Life you will find a warm and loving welcome as you return to Church. No one will judge you, scold you or turn you away because of who you are or where you have been.