Salem Spirit of Life Church News Letter

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Come meet your new neighbors

August 8, 2010 open house at the Rainbow Center. Worship celebration at 11:00AM with special guest Matt Haines followed by refreshments.
Come visit the Rainbow Center which is the home of Salem Rainbow Youth Group and Salem Spirit of Life Church. Our Worship Space is located behind the house on the back of the lot. Following worship each week we have fellowship in the kitchen, sharing stories over coffee and hot chocolate!

Rainbow Center

Worship Space

Salem Spirit of Life Church was founded on the principle that all are welcomed regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.

This is our first quarterly newsletter for Salem Spirit of Life Church. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our Congregation and also to invite you to come really soon on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM to experience a Worship Service with us. You can visit our website at www.salemspiritoflife.org to read more about us, view our Easter Worship Service and look at pictures of our Worship Space at the link above.

Career Workshops

Career Workshops September 12th, 19th and 26th

Time: 12:00PM – 1:30PM
(following the 11:00AM Worship Service)

Place: 1380 Hines St SE Salem, Oregon

This workshop series is for those unemployed but who would like to have a meaningful,
long-lasting career. These workshops will give participants an in-depth analysis of their
strengths and help them develop solid action plans for making their strengths standout to
potential employers. You will also build a resume that spotlights your strengths, and you will gain interview strategies that unveil your natural talents, skills, and experience.

Please register by September 5th so we can have the correct number of books and materials.

Two ways to register:

1. Call the Church office at 503-689-1436
2. Email us at spiritoflife76@gmail.com please include your name, address and telephone number for each person attending

Summer Bible School

Kid's Three Day Summer Bible School
August 18th, 19th and 20th.
Time: 10:00AM – Noon
Children's Worship Service on Sunday August 22nd At 11:00AM.

Place: 1380 Hines St SE Salem, Oregon

Two ways to register:
1. Call the Church Office at 503-689-1436
2. Email us at spiritoflife76@gmail.com

Please let us know the number and ages of the children you are registering

Meet the Pastor

Want to know more about Pastor Don? Here is some background on him. He founded Salem Spirit of Life Church in March, 2008.Don spent his early years in the Midwest. Born June 1945 in Springfield, Illinois. He graduated from High School in 1963. Don left Illinois in the summer of 1963 to attend a Business School in Omaha, Nebraska. After graduation he worked for Western Union in New York City and Los Angeles, California. Don was drafted in 1966 and served in the United States Army. After his tour of duty in Viet Nam he returned to Los Angeles until being transferred to Portland, Oregon as the Operations Manager for Western Union. With the centralization of operations Don left Western Union to stay in the Great Northwest. He held various positions with several different companies always in a Management position. While working for Safeway he attended Portland Community College taking Business and accounting classes. He earned his Bachelor and Master in Business Administration from California Coast University in 1976.

Don has been a college instructor for various private colleges and presently is the Controller for a college in the Portland area. Don has served in various positions with the Churches he has been associated with. He served as Teacher, Pastoral Council President and as Chair person on various Church Boards.

Don was ordained in February 2008 and is on target to complete his Doctor in Divinity the summer of 2010 from Universal Life Seminary.

Don has three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Come visit us any Sunday for Worship at 11:00AM and get to know Don.

Testimony

❖ When I think about what Salem Spirit of Life means to me, three things come to mind--people, pastor and love.
People because the first thing that was so apparent on my first visit (and remains true to this day) to Salem Spirit of Life was the openness and genuine friendliness of the people who attend Salem Spirit of Life Church.
Pastor because Pastor Don is so dedicated to his calling. God has definitely called Pastor Don to this ministry and has given him the true heart of a pastor.
Love because that is what the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon Salem Spirit of Life Church. The first two things that came to mind, people and pastor, are reflected in this love. Upon entering the fellowship of SSOL, the love of the people, pastor, and Holy Spirit are so demonstrated that there is no doubt about it and the same love makes apparent "That They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love."
Garrett

❖ Since Day 1 at Salem Spirit of Life Church I was warmly welcomed. I have been attending for over two years now, and my faith is being restored and my walk with God is now a daily occurrence.
The folks at Salem Spirit of Life Church are some of the friendliest most honest people I know, and I believe others should take the opportunity to get to know our congregation.
Jenn

❖ Jesus is our beacon in this life and so is our church. I know in my heart that even the "one-timers" who have come or the ones who came for a while and went out to walk a new path remember the love in our SSOL home. That is what SSOL means to me.
Carolyn

Testimony

❖ Salem Spirit of Life Church has been a life-changing experience. It is a warm welcoming place where no one is judged by appearances or past faults. All are received with dignity and a sense of self-worth. There I have found a place within myself that feels compelled to help humanity through charity. To get involved in life in a new way and pull myself out of the sidelines where once I was stagnant.
It is a great place for making friends, bonding, and becoming part of a family. We help each other grow and learn and to use our special gifts that God has given to us for the betterment of all humanity.
Hollie

❖ Llendo a la igesia Spirit of Life
me da las furzas para segir adelante en mi vida sin drogas y ser una persona con mas comprension asia. Los de mas y tener una paz con migo mismo.
Jose

Poem written by Hollie Stephens...

Jesus is living around and beside me, inside me

Ii see his footprints there in the sand,

and when they look funny turned this way and that

I know we were dancing hand in hand,

Oh what a freind he teaches and guides me, Jesus and I hand in hand.

Some Of Our Ministries

- We are currently collecting food for the Marion County Food Bank. This year we reached our goal of 500 lbs a month early!
- We have begun a book review once a quarter following a Worship Service on Sunday. This past month we read and discussed the book, "Have a Little Faith."
- Our members are always available to offer rides to those who do not have transportation on Sunday. If you need a ride to Church, just call 503-869-1436 and we will arrange a ride for you.
- Our outreach extends to our Sister Church, Emanuel in Mengo-Uganda East Africa.
- We collect funds for the children of Haiti.
- We have various fund-raisers throughout the year to help maintain our building and expand our ministries in the community.
- We offer our services to those who are shut in with home visits or visits to anyone in the hospital or nursing homes.
- Our Pastor is available to officiate at Commitment Ceremony, Weddings, or Funerals.

Your Pastor is available for Hospital and Home visits, Baptisms, Weddings, Commitment Ceremonies, Blessings and Funerals.

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Services Offered

Area of service: Salem, Oregon and surrounding communities. Pastor Don Eck is an ordained "Wedding Officiant" in the state of Oregon.

He provides for individuals, couples, and groups:

1. Spiritual counseling and guidance;
2. Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Rights of Blessings;
3. Administers the Sacrament of Absolution and officiating Services for Funerals
4. To perform all the duties of the clergy if you need a member of the clergy, Pastor Don will make appointments with those that may need or want his service.

Pastor is available to officiate at Commitment Ceremonies, Weddings, or Funerals. Call the church for assistance with your needs.