



Sounds of Salem



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Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 5, 2013

Acts 16:9–15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

Ascension of the Lord—May 9

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 12

Acts 16:16–34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

John 17:20–26

Day of Pentecost—May 19

Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21

John 14:8–17 [25–27]

Trinity Sunday—May 26

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1–5

John 16:12–15

RECALL NOTICE

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype unit's code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been identified as "Subsequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include: 1. Loss of direction 2. Foul vocal emissions 3. Amnesia of origin 4. Lack of peace and joy 5. Selfish or violent behavior 6. Depression or confusion 7. Fearfulness 8. Idolatry 9. Rebellion.

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, **JESUS**, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: **P-R-A-Y-E-R**. Once connected, please upload your burden of **SIN** through the **REPENTANCE** procedure. Next, download **ATONEMENT** from the Repair Technician, **Jesus**, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, **Jesus** will replace it with: 1. Love 2. Joy 3. Peace 4. Patience 5. Kindness 6. Goodness 7. Faithfulness 8. Gentleness 9. Self control.

Please see the operating manual, the **B.I.B.L.E.** (BEST Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on **Jesus**.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention! - **GOD**

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice.

NOT AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT HELL

The evangelist, Ray Comfort, helps provide a Biblical approach to our culture today. When one church-hopper commented, "I went to a Unitarian church four days ago. I liked the preacher, because she didn't tell me I was going to Hell. She smiled the whole time she talked, and said that there are many ways to God through the many religions. Why can't more preachers be like that?"

Comfort would sensitively tell him that it seemed that his smiley preacher, either didn't believe the words of Jesus, or she "didn't care that people who die in their sins would end up in Hell."

They sound like harsh words. These are, however, difficult politically correct times for the

average pastor. If we warn of Hell or speak of the Bible's stance on homosexuality or abortion, we are quickly accused of unloving "hate speech." But, there are ways that you and I, as Christians, can talk about the reality of Hell and reach homosexuals, pro-abortion individuals and others with the gospel, and have it make loving sense.

One reason pastors avoid speaking of Hell isn't because they don't believe in it. It's because they misunderstand the purpose of the Moral Law known as the Ten Commandments. God's Law shows us that the God we must face on Judgment Day is morally perfect, and that God considers among other sins, say for example, lust to be adultery (see Matthew 5:27-28) and hatred to be murder (see 1 John 3:15). It is because of this perfect righteousness of God that God despises evil and warns that a day of ultimate and perfect justice is coming. After we die, there will come a time of judgment that none of us can escape.

Any human judge who is good must see that justice is done, and God's goodness will see to it that ultimate justice will be satisfied. The Word of God tells us that murderers, rapists, thieves, liars, fornicators, adulterers, etc., will be judged when lined up against God's perfect holiness. But understand also, that you and I as Christians are just as fallen as all other sinners, but we are saved by asking Christ to pay for our sins by His death on the cross.

It's wrong to think the better you are, the better God likes you. We see ourselves like beggars telling another beggar where to get food. We are broken humbled people knowing we have nothing to offer to God, and that we have been granted the unearned mercy and forgiveness offered through belief in Christ as our Savior (Romans 10:9-10).

When Christians don't use the Law to show God's absolute righteousness, and instead talk of God's love and kindness, adding "But He will send you to Hell if you don't trust in Jesus..." it makes no sense to the culture today if presented that way. It paints God as a vengeful tyrant. So any such talk that way should be avoided, because it's not Biblical.

However, Acts 24 shows us that when Paul reasoned with Felix, he spoke of sin (which is disobedience of the Law) and self-control, and Felix "trembled." In the light of his own acknowledged sinfulness and the perfect holiness of God, the self-serving governor understood that he was in big trouble. He trembled, because Hell suddenly made sense, and he knew he was going there unless he repented to God. The Law makes Hell reasonable.

Comfort, says "When I speak with a homosexual, I avoid talk about his sexual orientation. This is because I don't want him to be offended before I

share the gospel. So I simply ask if he thinks he's a good person. When he predictably says that he is, I take him through the Ten Commandments (because scripture says that the moral Law was made for homosexuals in 1 Timothy 1:8-10). Has he lied or stolen? Has he used foul language using God's name? And when I ask about looking with lust, I deliberately don't mention any gender. With God's righteous holiness, only one sin will send you to hell."

"Before seeing his sin, he was proud and self-righteous (thinking he was morally good), but now he's humble of heart. That means he is able to be reasoned with, without being defensive. So I tell him that to be saved from Hell, he must repent of all sin and trust alone in Jesus. I then show him what 'sin' is, by referring him to 1 Corinthians 6:9-10:

'Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.'

I then lovingly tell him that if he has a problem with the list, he should take it up with God, because it's God's list, not mine." He is only presenting the Good News in its uncensored entirety.

He adds, "I want to see adulterers, fornicators, thieves and others on that list avoid the terror of Hell, so why should I exclude homosexuals [or Pro-Choice people], because I'm afraid of being accused of hatred or not being politically correct. Love cannot do that."

This approach is like that woman who read that dogs were healthier if fed a tablespoon of cod liver oil each day. So each day she followed the same routine--she chased her dog until she caught it, wrestled it down, and managed to force the cod liver oil down the dog's throat. Until one day when, in the middle of this grueling medicinal effort, the bottle was kicked over. With a sigh, she loosened her grip on the dog so she could wipe up the mess--only to watch the dog trot to the puddle and begin lapping it up. The dog loved cod liver oil! It was just the owner's method of application the dog objected.

Great pastors of past centuries understood the necessity of doing what Jesus did—using the Ten Commandments to bring the knowledge of sin for all sinners (see Mark 10:17). A failure to do so has in our times downgraded the Church to irrelevance in the eyes of the world (see Matthew 5:13). It's time to go back to Moral Law based sharing of the Good News, and that all acknowledged sinners who turn to Christ can be forgiven their sins.

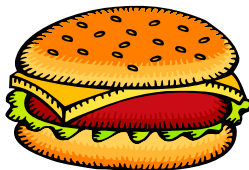
Activities & Information



The **Women's Association** will be meeting on May 16, at 9:30 in the kitchen. Doris Price will be doing the devotions, Mary Ellen Lloyd will be doing the book review and Loretta Williams will be your hostess. All women are welcome to attend; join them for fellowship and good conversation.



The **Youth Group** will be cleaning the streets of Venedocia on **Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m.** Please bring any shovels, brooms and scrapers you have. This is a big project and the more kids that turn out to help, the quicker it gets done. We also need a parent to bring or run a trailer for us to haul the debris away. We will be feeding the youth pizza at the park when we get done. **If it rains, we will clean the streets a week later on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m. Thank you!**



The **last Senior Luncheon** until September will be on May 22, at noon, at the Lion's Club. We will be eating hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, ramen noodle salad, watermelon, brownies and ice cream. Please bring a gift for Bingo.



You are invited to the Commissioning Ceremony of **Peter L. McCollow** on **Sat. May 11, 2013 at 4:00 pm** at the Spencerville Veteran's Memorial Park. Reception to follow at the Spencerville VFW.



Junior Choir recognition will be Sunday, May 12th. We need all your choir children here.



Graduate recognition will be on Sunday, May 19th. We would like to see all of our Seniors here to recognize them.



Our Graduates



Cassy Emery, daughter of Pastor Thomas & Carol Emery, will be graduating from Spencerville High School on May 26th at 2 p.m. Her plans include attending Wright State University and studying in the field of communications disorders. Currently she has a goal to attend the University of Cincinnati for graduate school to become a speech pathologist. Her graduation party will be held with Sara Sizemore at the church following the graduation ceremony.



Sara May Sizemore, daughter of Rhonda Sizemore and Gary Perry, will be graduating from Spencerville High School on May 26th at 2 p.m. Her plans include attending Ohio Northern University and studying in the Biology field. She has received around \$48,400 per year in scholarships and Pell grants from ONU. Her graduation party will be held with Cassy Emery at the church following the graduation ceremony.



Daileas Duclo, son of Stacy Handy and nephew of Shana Fryer will be graduating with his Bachelor's Degree in History from Texas Tech

University in May. Daileas will then go on to Ohio State University to get his Master's degree, and will then follow up with his Doctorate degree. Daileas would like to teach at the college level.



Audrey Hobbs, daughter of Vern & Liz Hobbs graduates from the University of Cincinnati on April 27 with a nursing degree (BSN). After graduation and the successful completion of passing the state board, she will be working at the Cincinnati Children's Medical Center in the Cardiac Step Down Unit.



Isaac Young, son of Jay & Christina Young will graduate May 26, from Vantage Career Center. Isaac's plans after graduation are to go to work for Industrial Grinding Inc. in Dayton, Ohio. He will work for them for a year, and they will pay for his college education. After college he will continue his employment with them. His party will be later that day at the Lion's Club.

Family Page



BIRTHDAYS

Logan Friesner	5/18
Audrey Hobbs	5/2
Kim Coil	5/3
Deb Fair	5/3
Eric Pugh	5/3
Rod Eutsler	5/4
Heather Matthews	5/4
Emma Jones	5/6
Josh Lloyd	5/7
Bob Pugh	5/8
Linda Fisher Howell	5/9
Rex Lloyd	5/10
Sandy Clayborn	5/12
Bob Louth	5/14
Dane Ebel	5/15
Chance Mosier	5/16
Mary Jane Haines	5/17
Delayna Profit	5/17
Stacia Profit	5/17
Elisha Wiss	5/17
Ione Owens	5/18
Holden Price	5/19
Dawson Kimmet	5/22
Carolyn Girod	5/23
Taylor Hoehn	5/25



ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Jeannine Leckrone	5/11
Jerry & Marilyn Foust	5/13
Bart & Rosemary Strict	5/19
Mark & Melissa Zielke	5/20



The Salem Trustees met on April 14, 2013. The following topics were discussed.

1. The generator system has been completed at the church, total cost \$10,690.00
2. Church roof repair \$838.00
3. Elevator Inspection, approved.
4. Boiler Inspection, approved.
5. Church corporation paperwork filed with the State of Ohio new projects.

New projects:

1. Install transfer switch at the manse and hook up to the church generator, \$1,740.00
2. Replace drain tile on south side of the manse.
3. Tuck point brick on manse.

The Salem Trustees would like to thank everyone for your support. May God Bless you.

Salem Trustees

Vacation Bible School will run the week of June 10-14th, from 9-11:30 a.m. We will need youth group kids here every day to help run the kids through the different activities. Any adult willing to come and help out, it will be greatly appreciated.



Memorial Services will be on Monday, May 27, starting at 10:30 a.m. at Horeb Cemetery, then moving on to Venedocia Cemetery at 11 a.m. If the weather is bad, it will be held in the church.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Shut-Ins

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Van Wert, Oh. 45891

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Hearth & Home
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Van Wert, Oh. 45891

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Warren Summersett

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Lee Lare

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420 E. 4th Street
Spencerville, OH. 45887

Serving our Country

David Beck (brother of Chris Beck)
Jared LeMar (son of Betty Brown, in Germany)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete MCCollow (USMC , OCS)
Tony Perrin (nephew of Betty Brown, in Washington)
Garrett Rink (cousin of Shana Fryer in Colorado)
Colt Thompson (U.S. Army, stationed in Guam)

Those with Health Concerns

Bruce Adam
Jodi Bigham
Naomi Brown (sister in law of Betty Brown, on dialysis)
David & Nancy Jo Breese
David Hugh Evans
John Evans
Dick Franke (father of Carol Emery)
Glenn Gehres
Julie Harrod (friend of Ronald Richards)
Tom Hoffsis (brother-in-law of Nancy Breese)
Thomas Hunt (kidney transplant)
Abe Lammers
Lee Lare
Betty Lloyd
Joe Marley (father-in-law of Shonda Pugh Marley)
Deb McClure (step-mom of Kent McClure)
Emberlee Marie Miller (great niece of Ron Richards)
Haydn Owens
Hugh & Evelyn Pugh
Susan Army Slagel
Dave Stevens (friend of Chad & Sara Pugh)
Tom Theobold
Tammy Tribolet
Becky Zirkle



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Sunday, May 5, 2013
Special Music: Dave Lusk
Nursery: Jeff & Kim Coil

Sunday, May 12, 2013
Special Music: Bells
Nursery: Todd & Jayne Morris
Jr. Choir Recognition

Remember, if you have nursery, you need to supply snacks for 20 children.

Sunday, May 19, 2013
Special Music: Larry Keltner & Jan Jones
Nursery: Jeremy & Kim Ebel
Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 26, 2013
Special Music: Double Quartet
Nursery: Deb Fair & Gwenda Blackmore

Acolytes in April is Dawson & Makenna Kimmet

May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 Disciple Class	2	3	4
5 Communion 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 4:00 Session 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Bible Series	6	7	8 7:00 Disciple Class	9	10	11 4:00 Peter MCCollow Commissioning Ceremony, Spencerville
12 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Bible Series	13	14 6:00 Youth Group Street Cleaning	15 7:00 Disciple Class	16 9:30 Women's Association	17	18
19 Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 4:00 Session 6:00 Youth Group 6:30 Bible Series	20	21 6:00 Rain date for Youth Group Street Cleaning	22 12:00 Senior Lunch/Lions Club	23	24	25
26 Graduations 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	27 Memorial Services 10:30 Horeb Cemetery 11:00 Venedocia Cemetery	28	29 7:00 Disciple Class	30	31	



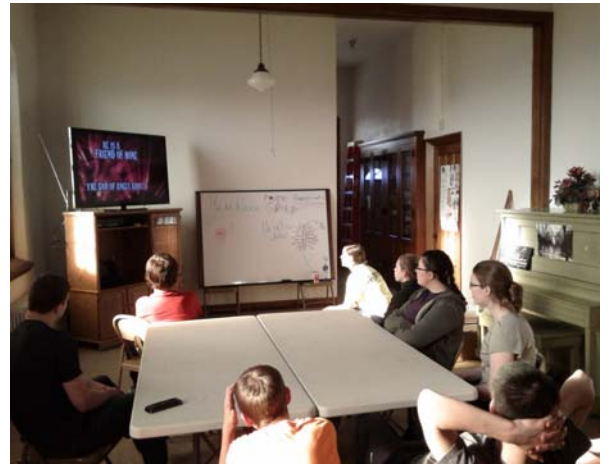
Youth Roadside Can Pickup York Township



The on-going Church Setup



April Lions Club Meeting



Youth Group



Senior Luncheon



Senior Luncheon



Great Cooks



Egg Hunt



Salem Easter Meal



Youth Choir



Easter Bunny Dog