



East Salem
CHURCH



EAST SALEM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM PASTOR CHAD

Hello Church Family,

This fall, more than 60 of us did something simple and a little bit holy: we pulled up chairs in living rooms and around kitchen tables, six different groups meeting in six different homes, and read the same letter together. Paul's letter to the Ephesians took us from being chosen, sealed, and loved before the foundation of the world, to learning what it looks like to walk wisely in a world that's loud, fast, and impulsive. Along the way we asked hard questions, laughed more than we expected, and discovered that Scripture lands differently when you hear it with people who know your name.

That's the part Saturday mornings can't fully replicate. Ephesians wasn't written to isolated individuals. It was written to a church community, and this season we got to live that out. People shared prayer requests they'd been carrying alone. Newcomers found a place to belong. Longtime members got to know someone new. If you were part of a group, you know exactly what we mean. If you weren't, you were missed, and we'd love to change that.

Here's the exciting news: community groups are coming back in January, and we're expanding. With the growth we've seen, we expect to open at least two additional groups, which means more seats at more tables, more times and locations to choose from, and more opportunities for people who haven't yet found their place. Whether you have

been around for years or you are just beginning to explore what church looks like, there is a group with room for you.

Our season wraps up this week, but the invitation is open. Watch for sign-up details soon, and start thinking now about who you might bring with you. Paul reminds us we were never meant to fight, grow, or follow Jesus alone. Come be part of what God does next.

Pastor Chad



Annual Christmas^{program}



We are honored to have Rhonda Patrick-Cummo produce our annual Christmas program again this year on December 19th. We would love to have you be a part of the program; whether you sing, play a musical instrument, or would like to read part of the Christmas story, there is a place for you.

To participate, contact Rhonda at (503) 508-7732.

Help us spread the joy of the season by being a part of this annual holiday event!



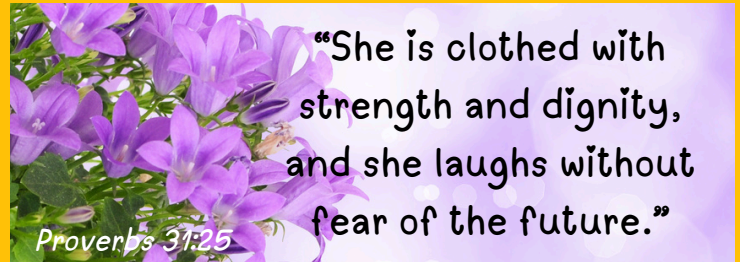
Women's Ministry

Welcome Back, Ladies!

Fall & Winter Women's Ministry Preview

After a wonderful, restful summer hiatus, our Women's Ministry is back and ready to dive into a new season of fellowship, growth, and connection! We have missed your smiling faces and cannot wait to gather together again to share our lives and grow in faith.

While we are still putting the finishing touches on the exact times and specific details, we wanted to give you a sneak peek at what is ahead so you can mark your calendars now. Please save these dates, and keep an eye on the bulletin and your inbox for full details.



Save the Dates!

- **November 8:** Pie Making Class
- **December 5:** Christmas Cookies & Crafts
- **January 22:** Paint Night
- **March 14:** Soup and Seed Event
- **April 11:** Spring Tea

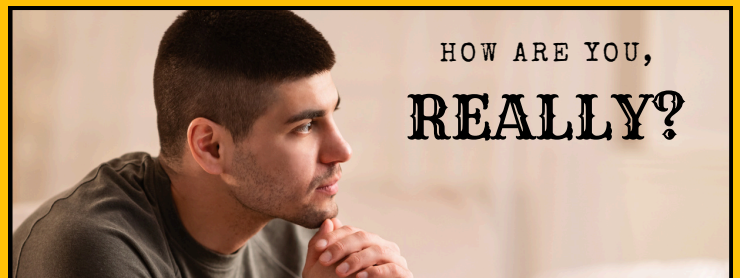
We can't wait to see how God moves in and through our community this season and into 2027!

Burden-bearer

Testifying of God's tender love for Israel, the prophet Isaiah wrote, "In all their afflictions He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity, He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old." Isaiah 63:9 With the same caring love and empathy, God is reaching out to every person today. Consider this amazing thought: "Not a sigh is breathed, not a pain felt, not a grief pierces the soul, but the throb vibrates to the Father's heart." DA 356

After his dad passed away, a gym friend recently expressed appreciation for my support during the long year his dad was on hospice. In retrospect, I didn't do much. I simply asked, "How's Dad?" again and again. I inquired how he and his family were managing and feeling. I listened. I expressed sympathy and care. I told him I was praying for them.

If showing empathy and support at the gym honors God, how much more when we express love and care in His church. The Bible teaches us to "bear one



another's burdens" Galatians 6:2. Jesus says "everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Being a burden-bearer can take considerable time and effort. It can require sacrifice. But it can be as easy as sending a text or social media message, mailing a card or note, or making a call or visit. It can be seen in lingering after a church gathering and asking someone, "How are you, really?" And listening. Sometimes praying right then and there. It doesn't need to be a long prayer. Express gratitude. Ask God to provide for a specific need. He cares. He is our "Burden-bearer."

Rick Casebier

Member Care and Prayer Ministry



FOOD



Church Picnic

The Family Life Church Picnic was a wonderful afternoon spent filling our bellies with delicious food and strengthening our church family bonds. Family Life had a wonderful array for the potato and salad bar to raise funds for the ministry. A few members played basketball and tennis before the entire group moved over to the baseball field to play softball. Everyone was a winner! The event ended with a round of kickball, during which the young were defeated by their elders.

Hope to have all of you join us at next year's event!

Mishael Tolan

FUN



FELLOWSHIP



CHURCH MERCH



Did you know East Salem Church has a virtual store? You can purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, mugs, and so much more. The colors and sizes can be customized and the items will be shipped directly to your home. You can access the East Salem Church store via our church app, website, or this QR Code.



STAY INFORMED



- **TEXT MESSAGES:** Join our East Salem Text Messaging System by texting the word JOIN to (541) 250-4026.
- **EMAIL MESSAGES:** If you are not receiving email from your church each week, contact Debbie in the church office.



Fall Campout

The church campout was such a marvelous weekend! Tiberius Tolan and Dwayne Stevenson were wonderful speakers. Tibi led fun team-building ice-breaker activities and Dwayne retold stories about Saul from the bible. Overall, they both shared the biblical importance of identity within a community.



Camp Taloali was an amazing location. There were trails to hike along the gorgeous river, an amazing playground for kids, and open areas for yard games like volleyball and corn hole. The 8-person ADA cabins were heated and spacious with 4 sets of new bunk beds and new luxurious mattresses. Each one also had a refrigerator and electric outlets! The bunkhouses were cozy and within earshot of the river. The Pavilion was the perfect space to have our service and meals while the firepit was great for our vespers.



Not only were the amenities awesome, but so were the staff. The camp is a non-profit that hosts youth summer camps for the deaf and hard of hearing. All their staff are also hard of hearing, but that doesn't stop them from being extremely sweet and helpful. What a joy to support this wonderful group financially!



For our services, there was Sabbath School for both children and adults plus church service and vespers to wrap up each evening. Both the breakfast bar and potluck lunch/dinner filled everyone to the brim with delicious food. It was great roasting s'mores around the campfire and joining in laughter over games, conversation, and play. Most importantly of all, it was marvelous to see everyone sharing and shining their lights for Jesus in the way they communicated and worked together. Spending extra quality time is an integral part of forming a close-knit community. Family Life is looking forward to having this again next year at the same place!



Because of our multi-year bookings and our now ongoing relationship with Camp Taloali, they are offering our church an exclusive loyalty discount for next year on all of their cabins. Registration for next year will be open March 1, 2027, so watch for the announcement. Hope to see you there!

Michael Tolan



SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

ADULT QUARTERLY STUDY:

This adult class study's the Bible along with the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide* in a small group setting. *Meets in the Chapel with music starting at 9:45 AM and study beginning at 10:00 AM.*

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

Study God's ingenious innovation for communicating His will...

Sabbath School Quarterlies for the 4th quarter of 2026 are now available. We ask for donations to cover the cost of \$ 4.15 per quarterly. Just put your payment in a tithe envelope, write in your name and mark it "Sabbath School Expense".



Large print quarterlies are available for those who request them for the cost of \$8.00. Also, available are the Ellen G. White Notes, "helps" to the quarterly, for \$6.45. Just contact Debbie in the church office to order your copy.

Free Option: If you choose, you can get the quarterly online for FREE through the General Conference website at: <https://absq.adventist.org>.

If you are able to help with the cost for others, make a donation to the "Sabbath School Expense" fund. If you need assistance with the cost of your quarterly, speak to the pastor or elder who will make sure you receive a copy at no charge.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

THE SANCTUARY:

Want to know more about God's way? He tells us where to look: "Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary" Psalm 77:13. Please join us as we take a deep dive into "The Sanctuary". *Meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM. This class is facilitated by Lori Hathaway.*

DANIEL EXEGETICAL STUDY:

Reading the Bible is very boring! This is a common refrain made by many people. Our class attempts to address this issue. By walking in the sandals of the Bible authors, we explore in depth the linguistics, culture, geography, context, characters, history, and much more. By applying our study techniques to current times, the relevance and understanding makes the Bible come alive. Join us! *Meets in the Library starting at 9:30 AM. This class is facilitated by Gene Starr.*

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SABBATH SCHOOLS:

We offer age-appropriate Bible classes for all kids and youth from ages 0 - 18. These engaging, gospel-centered lessons designed to help the next generation build a strong spiritual foundation. *These classes start at 10:00 AM - Ask a greeter or deacon for directions.*

Desire of Ages

The North American Division (NAD) of Seventh-day Adventists is joining the Church's worldwide movement to share the hope of Jesus Christ through **All Things New**, the public-facing expression of the global **OneVoice27** initiative. Through **OneVoice27**, the NAD is looking to mobilize members, churches, schools, ministries, conferences, and unions around a shared mission focus leading to September 2027.

The initiative will unfold through four major emphases designed to help members model the life and ministry of Christ:

- **Pray Like Jesus**
- **Share Jesus**
- **Serve Like Jesus**
- **Follow Jesus**

A cornerstone of the initiative is an invitation for members across North America to pray and read (or re-read) "The Desire of Ages" by Ellen G. White and share the story of Christ's life and ministry with others.

To be apart of this initiative, there are **Desire of Ages Reading Plans** available in the foyer with a choice of 5-pages a day or a chapter per day (8-10 pages a day). Or for a FREE audio book of the Desire of Ages: whitestate.org/audio/130/the-desire-of-ages/.



Serving Together

As a church family, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in our community. Every week, it takes a dedicated team of volunteers to create a welcoming, safe, and spirit-filled environment for everyone who walks through our doors.

We currently have several vital ministries looking for joyful hearts to help them grow. Whether you have an hour a month or a few hours a week, there is a place for you to make a lasting impact.

Below are a few of the ministries looking for volunteers. Look over the list below and prayerfully consider helping one of these ministries. If you feel a nudge of the Holy Spirit, or simply want more information, please contact the ministry leader or the church office.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

The hospitality team who sets-up, serves, and breaks-down our monthly Fellowship Meals, are always looking for volunteers. *Contact Toni Springer for more information.*

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLERS

We need people to tell a Children's Story during our Sabbath service. Do you have a short story geared to kids 0 - 10? Can you tell it in 5 - 7 minutes and in parable form? *Contact Judy Wolfsen for more information.*

SALEM ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES

The SACS center is always looking for volunteers to assist. The families they assist every week has increased and they need your help. *Contact Dan Pidoux for more information.*

Share Your Musical Gift



Music is a powerful way to lift our hearts, deepen our prayers, and praise God together. Do you plan an instrument, sign, or lead a musical ensemble? We would love to feature your talents during one of our upcoming worship services!

Whether you are a seasoned performer or someone who loves to share a quiet, reflective piece on the piano, guitar, flute, or with your voice, there is a date for you. You don't have to perform every week - - sharing special music just once a season can make a meaningful difference in during our Sabbath service.

If you would like to share your special gift, contact Debbie in the church office and we can get you scheduled.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH SCHOOL

Invest in the next generation by assisting with Children's Sabbath School. They need teachers, pianists, and adult supervisors. *Contact Sharlene Fish for more information.*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

This is a time for the children to learn more about Jesus in a safe and fun way. We need volunteers in all areas of our Children's Church? *Contact Mishael Tolan for more information.*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

We feed the homeless at Marion Square Park in downtown Salem every Sunday at 5:00 PM. They need help with serving on Sunday or people to prepare food prior to serving. Even 1 Sunday a month would help. *Contact John Perry for information.*

ACTS CREW

Helping with the unending needs of our community, the ACTS Ministry needs volunteers. If you like to roll up your sleeves and assist those in need, this ministry is for you. *Contact Derrick Teague for more information.*

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10



SALEM ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES

By, Dan Pidoux

Hello Church Family,

Thank you for your faithful support of SACS throughout the year. God has blessed this ministry's growth by providing volunteers at just the right times, enabling us to continue serving our community.

Last year, we served about 60 families each week. This year, we are averaging 80 families - or approximately 325 individuals- per week. During especially busy weeks, we have served more than 100 families.

OPEN Wednesday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

DONATIONS ONLY DURING BUSINESS HOURS

Thank you!

Each month, SACS distributes:

- More than 1,000 articles of clothing

We are currently seeking winter clothing for people of all ages, including:

- Jackets and coats
- Gloves for men, women, and children

Please bring donations to SACS during our normal hours of operation on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to Noon, as items just left at the front door at other times may not be seen again. You may also place donations in the SACS box in the lobby at the church.

Thank you for supporting this remarkable ministry. Please continue to keep SACS, our volunteers, and the families we serve in your prayers.

Salem Adventist Community Services

1860 Summer St NE, Salem OR 97301 (503) 363-8893

CELEBRATING THE LIGHT

Upcoming Holiday Events

The holiday season is a special time of year to slow down, reflect on God's greatest gift, and draw closer as a church family and community. Whether you have walked through our doors for decades or you are new to our church, there is a place for you here.

Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors as we celebrate the wonder of the Christmas season together through these upcoming events:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 9:6

Nov 14th @ 2:30 PM ~Operation Christmas Child:

Volunteers are needed to assist in filling shoeboxes for needy kids around the world. Sign up sheet is in the foyer. *Haystack Potluck for all volunteers!*

Nov 21st @ 12:30 PM ~ Thanksgiving Fellowship

Meal: Bring your favorite Thanksgiving ready-to-eat entrée, side-dish, or dessert and join us!

**** Table Hosts needed: sign up sheets in the foyer.**

Nov 21st @ 1:30 PM ~ Communion We invite you to join us for communion after potluck.

Dec 19th @ 9:30 AM ~ Christmas Fellowship

Breakfast Bring your favorite holiday breakfast dish and your family and join us.

Dec 19th @ 11:00 AM ~ Annual Christmas Music

Program We would like to personally invite you to our Christmas program celebrating the **Reason for the Season**.



from the ACTS Ministry

Greetings Church Family,

It has been another busy year with 124 completed projects so far. Since we started helping our community in 2019, we have completed 552 projects.



We receive referrals from a variety of people and places, but most notable from the City of Salem Compliance, City of Keizer Compliance, 50+ Center, and Serenity Hospice.



We have worked with the middle school and high school kids from Livingstone, and most recently, we had 15 real estate agents from Berkshire Hathaway help us complete a project.



The need is great in our community, and the referrals are consistent all year long.

If you would like to participate or have any questions on what we do for our community, please reach out to me.

Love, Give, Serve

Blessings,
Derrick Teague, ACTS Ministry Leader
(503) 507-0476





FALL FESTIVAL!

**LIVINGSTONE
ADVENTIST ACADEMY**

GAMES FOOD FAMILY FUN COMMUNITY

**OCTOBER 25, 2026
(Sunday)**

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

5771 FRUITLAND ROAD, SALEM, OR 97317

**FUNDRAISER BENEFITING
CLASSROOMS & HOME AND SCHOOL**

Proceeds help support classroom needs
and Home and School programs.

Free Admission All Ages Welcome! Family Friendly Event

RECURRING MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

*Don't wait for a formal invitation
come join in!*

House of Prayer:

6:30 PM ~ every Wednesday evening in the church library ~ A time to connect with scripture, sharing of praise, and prayer for others.

Community Basketball:

7:00 PM every Wednesday evening in the gym at Livingstone Adventist Academy ~ Open court, fast-paced, competitive games and open to everyone.

W.E. C.A.R.E.:

6:30 PM on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month ~ A women's support group for adult women

Feeding the Homeless:

5:00 PM every Sunday evening ~ Serves the homeless at "Marion Square Park" on Commerical Street in downtown Salem

Men's Ministry Breakfast:

7:00 AM every Sunday morning ~ Join us for breakfast, devotion, and fellowship.

Help make a Christian education at Livingstone Adventist Academy possible for all students.



There are many ways to support Livingstone Adventist Academy, so how is Livingstone Foundation 4 Education different from the rest?

Livingstone Foundation 4 Education is distinct from other supporting organizations because its sole focus is providing financial aid to students for enrollment at Livingstone Adventist Academy. Established in 2019 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, it raises and manages an Endowment Fund, using the interest generated to award scholarships to eligible students. Its mission is to help make the LAA's education accessible to all by offering financial assistance. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, separate from both LAA and the Oregon Conference of SDA.

How to Give:

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