



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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**June 2025**

**Mission Statement:** Building a community around the love of Jesus, where all are welcome.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

June Sermon Series: *Unexpected Stories – Surprising People, Surprising Grace*

Most of us don't feel like spiritual giants. We're just trying to do the best we can with the life we've been given. That's exactly why this series might speak to you.

All through June, we'll explore stories of people who never expected to be part of God's plan—but somehow, they were.

Not because they were perfect.

Not because they had it all figured out.

But because God saw something in them. And acted through them anyway.

There's Rahab—living on the edge of society, yet brave enough to protect others.

There's Ruth—grieving, displaced, yet choosing love and loyalty.

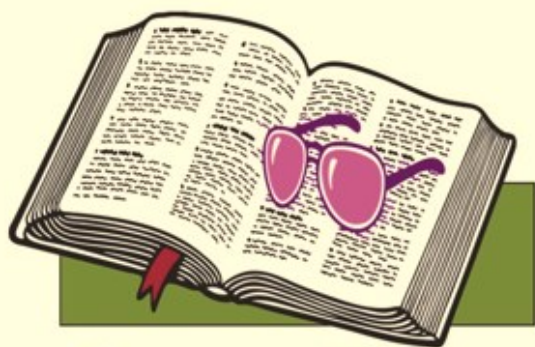
There's young David—overlooked by everyone, but not by God.

Their stories are a reminder: God's grace shows up in surprising places. And if God worked through them, God can work through us, too.

Come worship with us each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

You belong here—and you might just see your own story in theirs.





## Summer Worship Schedule

### **Series 2: Unexpected Stories – Surprising People, Surprising Grace**

June 15

#### ***Rahab's Courageous Faith***

Joshua 2:1-14

June 22

#### ***Ruth: Grace in the Margins***

Ruth 1:1-18

June 29

#### ***Young David: God Sees the Heart***

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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July 6 — Guest Preacher

#### ***Living Authentically***

John 4:21-24

Join us this summer as we explore surprising stories of faith and powerful prayers that changed lives. Each week reveals how God works through unexpected people and moments to bring grace, transformation, and hope.

Whether you're here every week or stopping in for a visit, there's a place for you at Salem.

*Come worship with us!*

### **Series 3: Prayers That Changed Everything**

July 13

#### ***Hannah's Prayer***

1 Samuel 1:9-20

July 20

#### ***Elijah's Prayer***

1 Kings 18:41-46

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July 27 — Guest Preacher

#### ***The Good Gifts***

Psalm 85; Luke 11:9-13

Prayer   
changes things



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## June 2025

### Birthdays

6-8 Duane Phillips  
6-19 Paul Goehl  
6-20 Sharon Higgins  
6-21 Sue Ippensen  
6-26 Tim Cook  
6-27 Heidi Shaw  
6-28 Cindy Davis

### Anniversaries

6-4 Patti & Steve Hibbard  
6-6 Martha & Kevin Deege  
6-15 Cassie & Joel Koch  
6-17 Catherine & Robert Verneti  
6-18 Kathie & Larry Clark  
6-20 Barb & Mike Edwards  
6-30 Mary & Jim Tipton

## Dates to Remember

### Sunday, June 1st

9:00am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

### Tuesday, June 3rd

4:30 pm : Property Task Force

### Saturday, June 7th

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

### Sunday, June 8th

9:00am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

### Wednesday, June 11th

6:00 pm: Ministry Meetings

### Thursday, June 12th

3:30 pm: Loads of Love

### Saturday, June 14th

9:30 am: Sodalis Vision Quest  
11:30 am: Paws & Prayers Pet  
Food Distribution  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

### Sunday, June 15th

9:00am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

### Tuesday, June 17th

6:45 pm: Breathe Deep Rehearsal

### Friday, June 20th

*Newsletter Deadline*

### Saturday, June 21st

11:30 am Household/ Toiletries  
Distribution  
11:30 am BJ's Café— Saturday  
Meals

### Sunday, June 22nd

9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

10:00 am: Crazy Cake Sunday

### Tuesday, June 24th

6:45 pm: Breathe Deep Rehearsal

### Wednesday, June 25th

6:00 pm: VMST

### Thursday, June 26th

3:30 pm: Loads of Love

### Saturday, June 28th

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

### Sunday, June 29th

9:00am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge



*Crazy  
Cake  
Sunday  
June 22  
After worship*

**Church Office open Tuesday  
and Thursday,  
9:00 to noon**

## ***Scenes from Pie in the Sky***



**Our Judges (they have the hardest job!)**

Axel and Flossy Stitt, Aurora Hellige, Debbie Husar, Anika Peterson, Hadley Moran, Charlie Hall, Norma Spory, and Jacob Zimmerman

**A special thanks to Debbie for “herding the cats”!**





## Scenes from Pie in the Sky



Mississippi Mud, Banana Cream, and Snickers Pie



Strawberry Rhubarb



Pineapple Pie— check out that shine!



Trash Pie— I hear the filling was delicious.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- Worship PowerPoint Creator
- Digital Message Sign Creator
- Room Setup / Take Down Crew
- Office & Phone Coverage (Tues & Thurs)
- Landscape Upkeep Crew
- Sound Room Tech
- Funeral Lunch Coordinator
- Light Maintenance / Painting Crew

*Signup forms available at  
Worship and Fellowship Time*

# Scenes from Pie in the Sky

## Our Winners!

**Martha Deege**— Ugly but Good AND No Bake Star Baker- Mississippi Mud and Snickers Pie

**Sharon Higgins**— (accepting for Denise Eastman) Most Unusual Flavor— Sweet Custard Cream

**Brian Stitt**— Kid's Choice—Strawberry Rhubarb

**Linsey Laughlin**— Deepest Pie—Banana Cream

**Savannah Coelho**— Oven Baked Star Baker—Dutch Apple Pie (made with home grown apples)

**Michelle Thompson**— People's Choice— Chocolate Peanut Butter



## Thoughts From Left Field

**Contributed by: Tom Moran**

My dad has always been my hero. He grew up without much money and began working at a young age. He was a very intelligent guy, but due to a lack of funds he never made it to college. He and my mom raised three kids who all went on to become professionals and earn their master's degree. Even though neither of my parents were able to go to college, it was understood that we should always do our best in school. In fact, my dad instilled in each of us a strong work ethic. We were expected to help out around home in whatever way we could. We never got an allowance and didn't expect one. Later when my dad had several businesses, we all worked at them in some capacity.

Even though my dad never really said the words, "I love you", we all knew it by his actions. We didn't grow up with extravagance, but we always had food on the table and clothes on our backs. My dad expected all of us to work harder than any of his employees. He always said not be ashamed of getting dirty if you were doing an honest day's labor. I hope that I can instill the values my dad taught me in my daughter.



## Scenes from Paint Night





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