

To the church of God as found at Marion Salem Church, called to be saints together with those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: You are miracles of God's grace and mercy!

When you look at the history records, the Salem Class meeting began in 1830, which means our congregation is celebrating 195 years of ministry. The first church building was erected in 1851, that would make it 174 years. At our present location, we've been serving the community since 1868, 157 years. The sanctuary has been around since 1981, celebrating 44 years. Of course, after the fire our present configuration goes back 22 years. We are certainly close to a bicentennial celebration. We could brush up on pronouncing demisemiseptcentennial and practice celebrating with the 175 anniversary of a Salem Church building in 2026. Whether for the 175th in 2026 or the 200th in 2030, such celebrations take planning and people committed to recognizing the work of Christ that has and is happening at Salem Church. As time marches on, these days will come and go whether or not we recognize them. I believe it better to praise God as these milestones come, and in the sacrifice of praise, find His empowerment and direction for the future.

So, what would you like to see happen in a celebration either 175 or 200 years? What should the focus be of the celebration, inward or outward? Can we, in honor and recognition of the milestone, do some extravagant acts of mission work in our community and even the world to make disciples of Christ? I'm curious what this Body of Christ is dreaming about. As you ponder that, consider also what actions your God-given dreams are asking you to do in service to Christ. With it being January, why not make those actions your New Year's resolution?

Blessings, 🙌
Jason




**All Church
Birthday Party!**

Sunday Jan. 5th

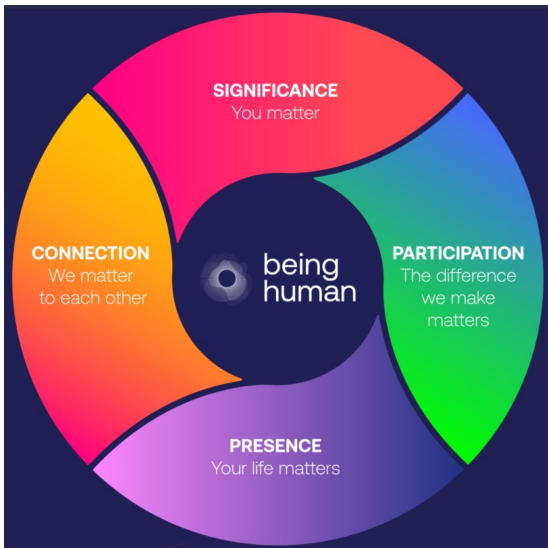
following worship

Come join a fun fellowship dinner themed around your birthday! Tables will be setup for seating by month of birth so you get to know other birthday buddies.

Bring a dish to share. Drinks and cake will be provided.



Pastor and family will be on vacation January 26-Feb. 1. Please be in prayer for their safe travels and restful time together. — Pastor will not be checking messages regularly. — Urgent Pastoral concerns should be shared with Amy McGuire.



NEW Teen/Young Adult study

Starting Sun. Jan. 12, join Emily Sharp for a time of conversation and digging into God's Word. All High School students and young adults are encouraged to join us *following worship* for this 6-week study. We will meet in the Crusader's classroom (beside the kitchen) and take a look at the "Being Human" study from RightNow Media, exploring cultural stories shaping our world and seeking Biblical answers to what it means to be a human being. We will keep our time to 45 min (15 min video and 30 min discussion). Contact Emily with any questions.



State of Marion (City/County) Event

Date: Feb. 5, 2025 **Time:** 7:00PM

Location: MarionNaz 233 W. Church St., Marion, OH

Purpose: An opportunity for the County Commissioners and City Mayor to educate/inform, update and inspire the residents of Marion by celebrating the accomplishments of

2024 and casting vision for the initiatives and improvements that are being pursued in 2025.

The Mayor & Commissioners will have 45 minutes each to:

Share the successes of 2024

Cast vision for 2025

Basic Christian Faith Wednesdays 7pm

Join Pastor Jason for an engaging time of discussion as we explore basic teachings of Christian Faith. This is a paced study and you can drop in anytime.

No Study 1/1, 29, or 2/5.

The Gospel LIVE! Mondays 4pm

Discover the Gospel of Matthew in a whole new way with the Visual Bible. This portrayal of Scripture is taken directly from the 1984 New International Version, word for word. Every line of dialogue spoken is either by the narrator (Matthew) or the individuals in Scripture. The screenplay follows the Gospel as closely as possible. We'll work slowly through the Gospel, comparing to the other Gospel texts and the rest of Scripture. We will also explore the historical and cultural elements that the Visual Bible highlights as we dive into Scripture together.

Resuming in February



Missed a Sunday or really want to catch a replay?

Have you been to our Facebook page... it's all there

facebook.com/MarionSalemChurch. You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch, it's livestreamed each week and the replays can be found there immediately.

Ladies' Christmas Party!!



December 12th

6 pm

Special thanks to Kim
(and Mark) Lemmon



Salem Strivers

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

Strivers do all they can to seek after the Lord. Part of that is sharing Christ with others. Remember to invite someone to youth.

With lots of joy the youth group celebrated Christmas on Dec. 15th, unfortunately the pictures didn't get taken. We decorated cookies for those who have supported us this season with meals, had a mini-Chinese buffet, a gift exchange, and played games.

Calendar of Events: January

- Jan 5th: All Church Birthday Party following worship
No Youth Group
- Jan 12th: Youth Group 6:30pm
- Jan 19th: Youth Group 6:30pm
- Jan 25th (Saturday): Church Family Trip to WinterJam Concert. Doors open at 5pm, must bring \$15 for entry.
- Jan 26th: No Youth Group

The Strivers are still looking for a mature disciple of Christ who will help lead their meetings on a weekly basis. Please pray for and help us find this person by sharing it word of mouth.

Church Family Trip to WinterJam! All families are invited to join together for this unique Christian concert experience. Pastor Jason and family will be heading on vacation following the concern, however you're invited to meet them outside the Schottenstein Center at 4:45 pm. Tickets are only available at the door and seating is first come, first serve so it's important to get in line early (seats cannot be saved). Bring cash or check (check to: NewSong Ministries) for entry. Cards are only accepted by vendors inside for concessions or merch.

WINTER JAM '25

\$15 DONATION AT THE DOOR
No Tickets Required!

JAM NATION 2025
JOIN THE NATION FOR FREE & EARLY ADMISSION, EXCLUSIVE T-SHIRT, ARTISTS Q&A, & MORE!
RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT **JAMTOUR.COM**

SKILLET **ANNE WILSON** **KB**
COLTON DIXON **NEWSONG** **MICAH TYLER** **ZANE BLACK SPEAKER**

PREJAM
SEU WORSHIP **THE BAND TABLE** **WE ARE VESSEL**

World Vision

Saturday, January 25—5P

Rhema Academy Update

January 2025

Rhema Academy is a Christian School that will open in August 2025 at the Marion Salem Global Methodist Church.

The school is currently focusing on two areas: taking student applications for next year and completing the Charter with the Ohio Department of Education. Please contact Brian Sparling for more information or to enroll your children for next year. The goal for next year is to have Grades K – 5, with 70 students, and to be fully chartered. **There are students currently enrolled. It is vital that families who may be considering Rhema next year, enroll their children as soon as possible so the school can accurately determine exactly the grades to be offered and begin hiring quality teachers in the spring.**

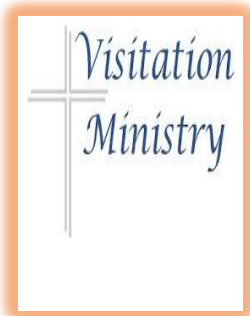
The entire Chartering process (which is going very well at the current time, having met every benchmark by the established time frame established by the Ohio Department of Education) will not be completed until the school actually opens in August. Satisfactory completion of this process is vital as it makes all students eligible for the Ohio Department of Education EdChoice Grants, which will allow most families to send their children to Rhema at very little or no cost.



As a reminder, Rhema will be a Christian Classical School, following the curriculum and guidelines established by Hillsdale College. This is a more “traditional” approach to education where the fundamentals and basics are emphasized. This approach also includes instruction in basic Christian values as well as a more traditional and patriotic approach to our country’s history. The school will also use a curriculum called Positive Action for Christ to supplement Bible Study in all grade levels.

The Rhema Board looks forward to working with the Salem Community and welcomes their questions, prayers and support. For more information, please contact Brian Sparling by email at brians@rhemaacademyk12.education or by phone at 740-244-8155.

2025



Helen Denton
Judi Myers
Mary Wickersham
Donna Dietsch
Bob & Dorothy Barker
Martha & Bill Crabtree
Donna McKinnis
Flora Mae Ulsh



Food Pantry

Hours: Monday 10-noon



Next peanut butter
sandwich making
Jan. 26



MITES MESSAGE: Anyone interested in sharing with the children during worship for the mites' message should see Pastor Jason. Available dates: 1/5, 12, and 19.




The Christmas Promise

December 15

Many thanks to Avy, Emily, Jess, Kelly,
Lilly & Natalie!!



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5 Communion	6 NO Bible Study	7	8 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	9	10	11
12 Youth Group 6:30p	13 NO Bible Study	14	15 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	16	17	18
19 Youth Group 6:30p	20 NO Bible Study	21	22 Knitting/Craft 1pm Bible study 7 pm	23	24	25 Winter Jam 5 pm
26	27 NO Bible Study	28	29	30	31	
Sharp Family vacation						



1st Sunday every month in the Family Center at 8:30 AM.

January—Genesis Class
February—Joy/Renn. Class



Pray for

- Ron VonAlmen
- Janet Schelb
- Jude Stitzel
- Sheryl Campbell
- Vicki Adams
- George Brown
- Judi Myers
- Haiti
- Mike Dilsaver
- Paul Messenger
- Steve Crock
- Bob & Dorothy Barker
- Betty Woodruff
- Kelly Marsh
- Dietsch family
- Jenkins family
- Jamie Marquis
- Kathy Schelb
- Cassidy Starkey
- Shawn Wilcox
- Pastor Ric Harvel
- Dave Gerfen



GREETERS

- 1/5 Avy & Jesse Bauer
- 1/12 Jason & Amanda Loyer
- 1/19 Mark & Kim Lemmon
- 1/26 Jenny Bayles & Becky Oliver

Nursery Schedule

- 1/5 Tracy Weisbrodt & Conni McChesney
- 1/12 Kathy Fisher & Susie Williams
- 1/19 Carol Crawford & Marilyn Shroyer
- 1/26 Amy McGuire & Robbi Smart

Birthdays

- 1/1 Karla Sharp
- 1/7 Dave Slack
- 1/8 Ellen Messenger
- 1/12 Phil Shroyer
- 1/16 Tony Smith
Flora Mae Ulsh
Marissa Loyer
- 1/18 Lilly Wagner
- 1/25 Jack Sharp
- 1/28 Amy Springer
- 1/29 Karen Marquis

Children's Church

- 1/5 No Children's Church
- 1/12
- 1/19
- 1/26