

Salem Family,

Although the fall season is short here, to my family and I, fall is the best time of the year. In the fall we are able to harvest the produce we had planted in our garden. This year we had almost lost hope for a harvest because it was planted so late. But God showed His favor to us, and in the end, we were able to harvest enough foodstuff for my family and more 40 other families. So we thank God for his faithfulness and care.

Talking about the Fall another thing that comes to mind is the beautiful weather, pretty leaves, and fun events at Salem and in our community as well. Now as winter is around the corner, we are waiting to behold what it will bring for us. I pray that we will have a lot of fun and blessings throughout the seasons.

As we are in the Acts Series, I am encouraged by Pastor Seth's teaching. His Biblical teaching, application, and conclusion are all great. His teaching about the outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit and the commencement of the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ is such a good refresher. The example of the early church and how God's spirit filled the disciples, and worked through them as they followed the teaching and directives given to them by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are needed today.

So I would like us to reflect on the passages below and position ourselves for more soul-winning ministry here in the F/M area and beyond. But first, I want to invite you to consider: As believers, do you seek to speak a word in season to your husband/wife/sons/daughters? What about your neighbors? work colleagues? Your enemies? The devil will seek to dissuade you from trying. You're too old! You're too young! Who is going to listen to you, for you can hardly put two words together! You don't know your Bible well enough! leave it to the pastors or elders!

These are some of the excuses the devil will use. Do not listen to him but keep on trusting in the Lord to reach out.

"On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you heard me speaking about. For John baptized with water, but in few days you will be baptized with" the Holy Spirit" (Acts1:4-5).

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses, in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8).

Then Peter stood up with eleven, raise his voice, and addressed the crowd;
"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you;
listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's
only nine in the morning!
No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel!

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my
Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your
young men will see visions, your old will dream
dreams.

Even on my servants, both men, and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they
Prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and
signs on the earth below, blood, fire, and
billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon
to blood" before the coming of the great and
a glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved. (Acts 2:14-21)

WILL YOU BE PART OF THE LEGACY OF THE GREAT COMMISSION?

Get into the flow of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost sheep around us and beyond. It's like a mighty river flowing out from Christ and the Cross. Some believers only stand on the bank and observe as others dive into the flow and take the Gospel to the lost and hungry hearts. Those who will can experience the power and exhilaration, the life force and satisfaction that were experienced by Jesus Christ and his disciples. They enter to open a realm of Christianity to all, but only a few experience it. They know the life of the soldier on the frontlines with Jesus Christ. It is part of the essence of the Christian life. You are born for such a time as this. You and I have the call and the command of the Savior and the same Spirit that filled Jesus Christ and his disciples' lives in us even today. Don't miss it. You have an amazing tool and weapon which is the Bible (the word of God) to evangelize, to disciple, and to build the kingdom of God around you and beyond, as we are commanded by him who has called all of us into this great ministry. With the help of the Holy Spirit as our guide, the Bible is made easy and understandable. All the instruction you need is made clear and available in the word of God. Dive in and you become part of the legacy of the spreading of God's Word to all nations. Your success will be written in heaven where victories for Christ are celebrated eternally.

Below are the items to pray for:

- pray for all the lost souls in F/M that they may experience the love of Jesus Christ, and have a deeper relationship with him.
- pray for all the ministries of Salem and their leaders that the Lord will equip them as they are serving in those roles of leadership.
- pray for the elders for wisdom and courage as they provide the leadership of the Church.
- pray for all our church families who are sick and those who have lost loved ones that Lord will heal and encourage them all.

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YTD Giving: \$826,828.56

YTD Budget \$1,065,631.87

Short: \$238,803.31

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