



SALEM CRUSADER

“Contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”
Jude 3

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Dear Salem,

“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing is impossible for you” –Matthew 17:20

Impossible is just a word some use, who find it easier to take what they've been given rather than to change it. Impossible is not a fact . . . it's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration . . . it's a dare. Impossible is potential . . . that's what Jesus wants you to learn as you play the game of life.

Let's take the word “move” and learn what it takes to face the mountains that from time to time stand in your way.

M-OTIVATION IS NEEDED – I've been around athletes enough that I can spot when one lacks motivation. They simply go through the motions, they're at practice physically but they're far away mentally. And I've been around Christians enough to be able to spot the lack of motivation. They are merely existing from day to day, they fail to live up

to their full potential, they fail to live victoriously. Mountain moving Christians are motivated by three things: God's presence, God's promises, and God's power. God inspired - they possess an inner drive, set goals, and strive to reach them. When you are experiencing God's presence, claiming God's promises and running in God's power, all by faith, mountains of doubts and fears come tumbling down. You become inspired and inspiring!

O-BEDIENCE IS NEEDED – Coach Vince Lombardi once said, “The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.” Successful athletes are those individuals that obey the rules and when you do God's will, God's way with believing faith, mountains of trials, troubles, and testing disappear.

V-ISION IS NEEDED – The dictionary says “visualize” means “to form a mental image of something not present to sight.” The winners in life think constantly in terms of I can, I will, and I am. Losers, on the other hand, concentrate their waking thoughts on what they should have or would have done, or what they can't do. Hebrews 11 says, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (vs.1). Through faith Christians can visualize – I can, I will, I am – they see the coming victory. They can win over sin, self, and Satan.

E-NDURANCE IS NEEDED – “The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur” (Lombardi). Some Christians are unwilling to wait on God's timing. They want their mountains to move at their own designated time. We must endure . . . we must keep the faith . . . keep focused . . . keep following the Lord. God's timing is always best, never too early or too late. Keep on praying and waiting for God's timing to come to pass. Jesus said that believing faith could do the impossible. You can move mountains!
Upward bound,
Pastor Pat

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CONSISTORY NEWS

JANUARY 2006

TREASURE'S REPORT:

INCOME: \$5,270.79

EXPENSES: \$12,472.86

OLD BUSINESS

- Cookie Walk - \$619.00 taken in
- Pew Cushions ordered - will be here by Easter
- Sanctuary Lighting repair

NEW BUSINESS

- lawn care/snow removal - custodian - \$30 per snow removal
- Spring Revival - to be considered for March meeting
- Radio Ministry - 97.5 FM signed 3 month contract - April meeting to consider if to stay on.



Roger Ruth and Pastor Pat filled in for Rob-the-Sports-Guy on 97.5 FM - Rob has a Saturday morning call-in sports program - he was sick and Roger and Pastor Pat filled the two-hour time slot on January 7.

**YOU GET THE MOST OUT
OF LIFE WHEN YOU LIVE
FOR CHRIST!**



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GOD'S COACHING TIP

TRUSTING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS DISPELS YOUR FEARFULNESS!

As you make your way on your journey through life, whenever you're afraid, trust in the Lord (Psalm 56:3).

THANK YOU . . .

Dear Salem,

I would like very much to thank everyone, personally, for their kindness to Budd's family and friends during the difficult time of his illness and death. Since that would be impossible, I will try this way, hoping I don't miss anyone.

To everyone who came to the Funeral Home on Tuesday and Wednesday; to Pat Street and Chuck Zweizig for the beautiful Memorial Service in celebration of Budd's life; to everyone who prepared food and got it to the church for the great meal served by Marsha and her "crew" - starting with coffee for the Reinwald coffee drinkers! Thanks to Barb for doing the calling. A lot of you are working, so I know this was a chore - again "Thanks to you all!" For the beautiful flowers and memorial gifts. Once again - if I have forgotten anyone, it was not intentional so please, forgive me.

Thanks to you all and God Bless You!

Connie Gibson

Pastor Pat,

Thank you so much for speaking at our meeting last week! (January 17) We really appreciate you coming all this way to share your message. We will be praying for your ministry, we hope that God will use you in amazing ways!

Thanks again for coming

Sincerely,

Ohio Northern University FCA Officers





SALEM LADIES MEETING

Twelve ladies fellowshiped together Saturday, January 21st in the Youth Room. We enjoyed watching the introduction of each of the Women of Faith speakers and Patsy Clairmont's great segment. Thanks again to the ladies who provided lunch and to Pastor Pat for being the technician for us.

A number of Salem ladies will be attending the Women of Faith Conference in April at Nationwide Arena, in Columbus. The theme of the conference is "Contagious Joy."

Ladies plan to join us for our next fellowship time.



SOLO

Pastor Pat sang "I Will Be Here" before his sermon on "God the Covenant Keeper (Yahweh) - the sermon series on the names of God have covered: El Shaddai, Elohim, Yahweh and Adonai.

MIME

Donyell Wenig performed a mime to the worship song "Adonai" before Pastor Pat's sermon on "God the Lord (Adonai)." It was a very moving experience and a real blessing.



FCA Impact Play: WINNERS IN CHRIST

READY:

"We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." -Romans 8:37

SET:

Everyone wants to be a winner, whether it's in sports or THE GAME OF life. Cindy Todd, a world water-skiing champion, spoke about winning. She said, "When I first read Philippians 3:14, which tells us to 'press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus,' I was reminded of water-skiing competition. Everyone aims toward a prize. We all want it, but only one person gets to win. God has given me a talent for water-skiing; but thanks to Him, I'm a winner in another way. I have been cleansed of sin through the blood of Jesus. I have received salvation by God's grace. This is the most important victory in my life, and it's a victory we all can have. 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" (Acts 2:21)

Jesus makes us winners in life. Romans 8 says, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (vs.37). Jesus defeated the devil for us by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. When you accept Christ into your life, His victory over sin and eternal death becomes yours. Through Him, you gain forgiveness, joy, peace, power, and the SOURCE for ALL your needs, the precious prize of all - eternal life.

Upward bound,
Coach Pat Street

GO:

1. Is Romans 8:37 a reality in your life?
2. Is Jesus your SOURCE for ALL your needs?

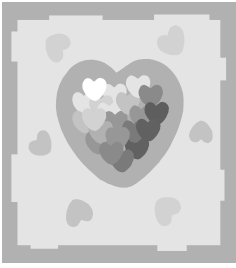
WORKOUT:

2 Corinthians 5:17;
Colossians 2:13;
Titus 3:4-6

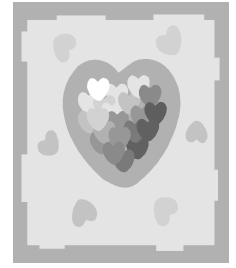
OVERTIME:

Lord, thank You for giving the gift of eternal life. May I live in the full awareness of Romans 8:37. Amen.

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February 2006



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Put your trust in the Lord</i> <i>Psalm 4:5</i></p>			1	2	3	4 <i>Prepare For the Lord's Day.</i>
5 Holy Communion Food Pantry Souper Sunday	6 7:00p Elder's Meeting	7 7:00p Abraham Prayer Ministry	8	9	10	11 <i>Prepare For the Lord's Day.</i>
12	13 7:00p Executive Meeting 7:30p Consistory Meeting	14 Happy Anniversary Pastor Pat & Diane 7:00p Abraham Prayer Ministry	15 Happy Birthday Debbie Hinaman	16	17	18 <i>Prepare For the Lord's Day.</i>
19	20	21 7:00p Abraham Prayer Ministry	22	23 Happy Birthday Christina Smelcer	24 Happy Birthday Bertha Andrews	25 <i>Prepare For the Lord's Day.</i>
26	27	28 7:00p Abraham Prayer Ministry	<p>Those who spend time with Christ become more like Him.</p>			