



SALEM CRUSADER

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

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Dear Salem,

"My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed" -Psalm 57:7 (KJV)

Green Bay Packer Head Coach, Vince Lombardi once said:

"The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price."

I agree with Coach Lombardi, there is a price to pay for success, but I don't think it's just "hard work" - I've often said to the teams I've coached that it's not the hours of practice you put in, but what you put in the hours of

practice that really counts. I think that the price for success is deeper than "hard work" - success comes from a "fixed heart" and that's the price every athlete and coach . . . matter of fact, every believer must pay for true success in the game of life.

A "fixed heart" has three dimensions:

- A "fixed heart" is *accountable* - this means to do what is right . . . with the right attitude matched by the right actions.
- A "fixed heart" is *reliable* - this means trustworthy. It means that you can be counted on, it means that you are "faithful" - you say what you mean and you mean what you say, your word is trustworthy.
- A "fixed heart" is *coachable* - this simply means you're teachable . . . always learning, always growing.

A "fixed heart" that's accountable, reliable, and coachable is a heart submitted to God and His Word letting the Lord lead and guide every step, every move, every run, every work-out, every part of your life.

Upward bound,
Pastor Pat



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CONSISTORY NEWS

DECEMBER 2005

TREASURE'S REPORT:

INCOME: \$4,193.19

EXPENSES: \$5,119.22

OLD BUSINESS

- COOKIE WALK
- MADE OVER \$500
- PEW CUSHIONS WILL BE ORDERED AND IN BEFORE EASTER
- CONTRACTS
- SEC/CUST - TO BE SIGNED

NEW BUSINESS

- SANCTUARY LIGHTS TO BE REWIRED BY HARBOLTS
- JAN. 10, 2006
- ORGAN DISCUSSION
- CONSISTORY VACANCIES
- MISSIONS



Effert Woods is standing next to the "screen" between the altar table and the organ. Effert, Pastor Street's cousin, did a wonderful job matching the wood. It really looks great. Thanks Effert for a job well done.



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**Conservative
Congregational
Christian Conference**

GOD'S COACHING TIP

DON'T JUST SPEND TIME . . . INVEST IT!

It's important that you and I make the most of our opportunities to honor the Lord, serve others, and proclaim Jesus . . . let's ask God to "teach us to number our days" (Psalm 90:12) so that we will spend them wisely!

Thank You

Dear Salem,

Diane and I wish to thank you for the Christmas gift. The Lord continues to bless all of us in many ways and we count it a joy to be your pastor.

We look forward to 2006 . . . believing it will be a year of growth spiritually and numerically for Salem. Thanks again for your thoughtful gift.

*Upward bound,
Pastor Pat & Diane*

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

On November 19, fourteen ladies attended a time of sharing and giving thanks in the festively decorated fellowship hall.

After singing, "We Gather Together" accompanied by Pat Curl, we enjoyed a brunch of breakfast casserole, mini muffins, fruit and drinks which were provided and served by Pam Smith, Pam drake, Debbie Hinaman, Carolyn Hittenrauch, and Diane Street.

Carolyn Hittenrauch read Psalm 100 and then each one read a Bible verse printed inside their Happy Thanksgiving place card.

*Since Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on family, friends, memories and what you are thankful for, we enjoyed hearing one another's special memories, favorite foods, and things we are thankful for beginning with the letters in **THANKSGIVING**.*

We were encouraged to place our focus on the Lord this Thanksgiving and to reflect deeply on God's blessings in our lives and to commit our entire celebration to Him for the good things, but "to give thanks in all circumstances for this God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thess. 5:18).

Ladies, be watching for our next event and plan to attend.

COOKIE WALK '05



The 2005 Cookie Walk was a huge success! All the cookies were gone within an hour . . . Thanks to Pam Smith and her helpers for a fine job - over \$500 was raised.



STREET FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Pastor Pat, Diane and their family served a wonderful Christmas lunch as a gift to the congregation.

