

## Missions Update

FROM: SAT-7 PARS

We recently began broadcasting on one of the most widely watched satellite systems for Iran –Yahsat. The satellite signal is powerful, very clear and increasingly popular. But, satellite dishes are illegal in Iran. The government regularly searches for dishes, gathers them in the streets and literally rolls over them with heavy vehicles. It's a steady campaign of fear and intimidation. However, people find ways to work around governmental threats to obtain outside information essential to their lives. Now with Yahsat's much stronger signal, people need only a small satellite dish (about a foot in diameter), making it much easier to hide from the authorities. With Yahsat dishes throughout Iran, SAT-7 PARS is reaching a much broader audience, even into Afghanistan and Tajikistan. And the results are stunning! "This is a miracle! Millions more Farsi speakers now have access to the programs. We have literally seen a doubling of responses from Iran, and a tripling from Afghanistan, even some from members of the Taliban. Tell the donors who prayed and gave, thank you." "One call came from a young man in Afghanistan. He had so many questions about Jesus. Like millions around him, he didn't have a clue who Jesus is. But he was deeply unsatisfied with his life and beliefs and instinctively knew there must be something better. He said he was stunned by the love and truth he was witnessing on SAT-7 Pars. "He was so impressed by Jesus that he wanted to know where He lived, so He might meet Him! A few days later he called again, this time with a friend. He too was watching and deeply moved. A week later, the first man called again. This time there were 25 young men crammed into a tiny apartment, asking questions, listening to counselor's answers. Some were sitting in the bathroom, others sitting on one another's laps! All 25 prayed to receive Christ, in unison! Incredible, a miracle...a true God thing." "I believe there could be hundreds of groups just like them, focused around their televisions, soaking in truth they have never heard before. When people like these call in and become followers of Jesus, they say they are experiencing profound peace, made new in Christ. They are anxious to meet other Christians, start their own church and want to find a pastor. Because finding a local, trained pastor is often impossible, we assure them that we will not leave them alone and urge them to watch the teaching programs on SAT-7 PARS.

## “Transforming Prayer”

Part VIII

### “Pray Like Jesus”

**“Jesus’ prayer life was distinguished by intimate expressions of worship, thanksgiving, surrender, and gracious intercession for the faith of others.”**

- **References to Jesus’ prayers but no clear indication of the content of those prayers** (Mark 1:35; 6:46; Luke 3:21; 9:18, 28-29; 11:1)
- **Jesus gave the disciples a model prayer** (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)
- **Jesus’ recorded prayers:**
  - Matthew 11:25 He thanked the Father for His work of revelation
  - John 11:41-42 He thanks the Father for hearing His prayers—so that others will believe that the Father sent Him
  - John 12:27-28 Jesus openly acknowledges His troubled soul in light of the cross, but affirms His commitment to the purpose of His coming to earth, declaring, *“Father, glorify Your name.”*
  - John 17 Jesus praying for disciples and church
  - Luke 22:31-32 Jesus prays for Peter
  - Matthew 26:39, 42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42 Jesus again prays about the impending sacrifice on the cross
  - While suffering on the cross, Jesus prays to the Father three times. First, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do”* (Luke 23:34), an amazing prayer of mercy and grace. Second, *“My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?”* (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34), revealing the weight of the condemnation of sin that Jesus bore on our behalf. Third, *“Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit”* (Luke 23:46), in which Jesus willingly offers himself in death, as He completes the atoning work.

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**Prayer Time • 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service • 10:00 am**

**March 4, 2018**

**Welcome!** Thanks for being at Salem today.

If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to fill out a **Connection Card** from the **Welcome/Information Table** near the gym entrance and place it in the offering container or leave at the Welcome/Information Table.

Our **Nursery** is located in a room in the hallway off the Commons and offers care for infants and toddlers (through age 2) during the worship service. **Three year olds through 5th graders** are dismissed during the service, and meet in various classrooms and hallways. There are no **Sunday School** classes while we're meeting at the High School but Prayer Time at 9:00.

## Welcome & Announcements

**Worship in Song ...** Worship Team

**Offering**

**Message ...** ROD LARSON

*To see people transformed  
into totally devoted followers of Christ.*

## This week @ Salem

Monday	9:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Monday—Friday	5:30 pm	Work Nights at Build Site
	7:00 pm	Dartball League
Tuesday	7:00 am	S4G Breakfast
	7:00 pm	Tuesday University
	7:00 pm	Ladies Volleyball
Wednesday	10:00 am	Ladies Hebrews Bible Study
	3:30 pm	Respawn & J-Walkers
	6:00 pm	Kids Club
	6:00 pm	Baynet
Thursday	10:30 am	55 'N' Better
	6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	The Table @ Northland
Friday	3:30 pm	Respawn & J-Walkers
Saturday	8:00 am	Work Day at New Church



For a more comprehensive calendar of all of the week's activities, please visit [www.ashlandsalembaptist.com](http://www.ashlandsalembaptist.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 55 'N' Better Meets Thursday

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 311 13<sup>th</sup> Street West. Our speaker will be Carla Ward, who works with jail ministries and will share about the effects heroin addiction had on her family. Special music will be provided by the Charles Knapp family. Contact Elaine Westlund at 715-765-4660 with any questions.

### Another Work Day Scheduled

Saturday, March 10 will be another work day at the new building. Grab your tools (utility knife, tape measure, T-square, gloves,) if you have them, and join us anytime between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. to hang sheet rock, insulate, sweep up and more. Lunch will be provided. (Work nights 5:30—9:00 will continue as well as there is much to be done.)



### BAYNET Concert of Prayer

Wednesday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Baynet will hold a Concert of Prayer for students at the Ashland High School Auditorium. All Middle School—High School students and parents and adults are invited and encouraged to attend.



### Pregnancy Resource Center in Ashland

The organizational meeting for the PRC scheduled for February was cancelled due to weather and has been rescheduled for Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-8:30 at Crossroads Outreach Center, 307 Main Street W. Elaine Leroy will be sharing with us today about this and will also be available next Sunday from 9:00-10:00 to answer any questions you may have. Her contact number is 715-209-8575.

### Northwoods Creation Monthly Meeting

What if we could just feel better while we live? Our speaker, Donald Slinger will share what he has learned from doctors, and researching ways to reduce his peripheral neuropathy, lack of stamina and pain from two compression fractures. He has taught many classes on health essentials. Join us at WITC conference center at 7:00 on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> to hear Mr. Slinger.



**Just an FYI:** Influenza & stomach flu continue to circulate through the community, as well as strep throat. Please use good hand hygiene, and stay home if you and/or little ones are ill. (One should be fever-free for 24 hours or more before returning to work/school/daycare.) If greeting time is not suspended during the cold/flu season, it is recommended to bump elbows with fellow worshipers rather than shake hands! Be blessed & be healthy!

### Building Fund Update

Total input into the Building Fund since the fire has been \$3,367,560, which includes \$2,280,755 from the insurance settlement, \$283,441 from the sale of property, and \$581,959 of your generous and sacrificial giving toward the building. Thank you. So far \$2,779,613 has been paid out for building expenses; the line of credit has not yet been needed. Given a total construction cost of \$4,500,000, money already received, and assuming pledges are fulfilled, the maximum mortgage needed would be approximately \$850,000. The more we contribute to the building fund, the smaller the mortgage! It is likely that the earliest Sunday services in the new building will occur in late May or early June, about the time that access to the High School auditorium is lost. The more we complete on the building, the sooner we will be in. If you have any questions about the building, please contact a member of the Building Committee.

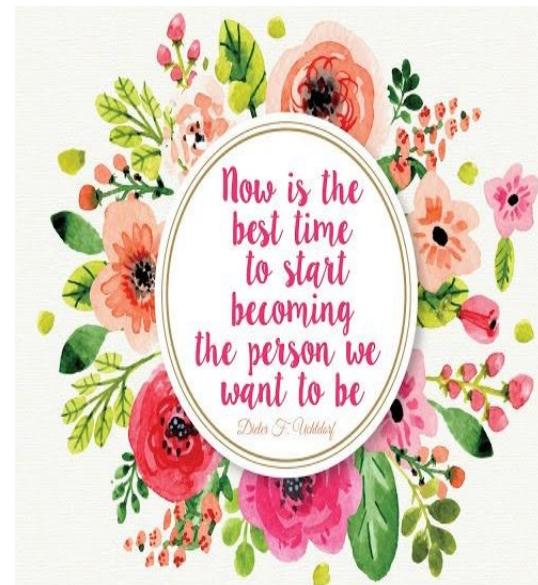


Serving others with a humble heart doesn't mean we have to do great, extravagant things to do what Jesus would do. Sometimes we can simply touch the untouchable... and share God's loving, life-changing grace.



### S4G Banquet

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Grant Woods will share his love for Jesus and white tailed deer at the first Sportsmen for God banquet, to be held at AmericInn. Plan now to come and enjoy great food, fun and prizes. More information can be found at : 715-209-6910, [sportsmenforgod.org](http://sportsmenforgod.org) or [s4g.tlarsen@gmail.com](mailto:s4g.tlarsen@gmail.com)



**M**

5 - PRC Organizational Mtg- Crossroads  
5 - Dartball

**A**

6,13,20,27 - Sportsman for God Breakfast  
7,21 - Prayer for our Schools

**R**

8 - 55 'N' Better  
8,15,22,29 - The Table @ Northland

**C**

9-11 - Baynet Winter Camp  
10 - Work Day at New Building  
12 - Northwoods Creation Meeting  
14 - Baynet Concert of Prayer

**H**

15 - Quilters  
15 - Elder Board Meeting  
28 - NO Kids Club