

Over the last 125 years, the Lord has used Salem to proclaim the good news of Jesus to Dobson and Surry County. In 2014, we as a church took a step of obedience to God's calling and were able to launch Salem Christian Academy (SCA). Since beginning with a preschool class of only a handful of children, SCA has grown and multiplied its ministry opportunities by providing biblically-based education for kids from preschool through eighth grade, with plans to further expand ministry and education options each year.

In addition to the physical space that it takes to educate over 120 children during the week, we recognize that we need additional space to provide small group and Sunday School class gatherings. In the past years, classes have compromised and sacrificed by meeting in the gym, church offices, and even the downstairs elevator lobby.

Accomplishing an increase in ministry and reaching in our community with the Gospel must include expanding our facilities. God has provided us with opportunity and resources, now it's time for us to trust Him and move forward!

## Praying Through

*Lord, help me to realize that You are in control and that I can do nothing without You. Guide me so that I may live in a way that pleases You. Lord, help me to make the sacrifice I need to make, so that more people may come to you. After all, that is why we are here, to reach out to those who are lost. I pray that they may have eternal life in Heaven with You. Amen.*



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At Salem, our mission is "Reaching every generation with the hope of a life all in for Jesus." Praying is a powerful and significant dimension of our spiritual life as individuals and as a church that enables us to continue our mission.

Prayer is a way of communication with God. When we pray, our number one priority should be to seek God's will. Prayer will strengthen our faith and our efforts to achieve our mission. This prayer guide will assist each of us in stepping out in faith and giving as the Lord leads us to.

Over the next several weeks, months, and years, we will be going through demanding stages of growth and development. Our goal is very aggressive and reaching it will be a major responsibility, but it is the kind of responsibility in which God delights in order to show His power.

"Mobilizing to Build" is a program that is designed to help our church raise money in a way that is consistent with biblical guidelines. When done with the right attitude, the program can be part of our public worship of God.

The driving force behind "Mobilizing to Build" is the personal commitment that you make. Each family in the church will be asked to pray over, consider, and commit a gift above their regular tithe amount. You can make the commitment to give weekly, monthly, or yearly.

The campaign will be carried out in a way which we hope will unite us and focus us on the objective of making disciples of Christ. The building is not our major objective; it is one of the ways we can achieve our objective. In the coming weeks, please pray that:

- God will unite and grow our fellowship in service, character, and love.
- The campaign will help us better understand God's love and sacrifice for us and that we will respond with gifts of worship.
- The many subcommittees carry out their work effectively.
- God will show you how to contribute and give you the faith to obey.

Our vision is that additional educational space will allow Salem Baptist Church and Salem Christian Academy to be a lighthouse for God and allow us to minister to many in our community. We ask that you pray for the following areas:

- The Lord's guidance for our pastors, staff, deacons, committees, and organizational leaders.
- The scheduling and commitment of volunteer teams.
- The resources to be made available to our church to accomplish our goals.

*"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. "*

2 Corinthians 9:6-8