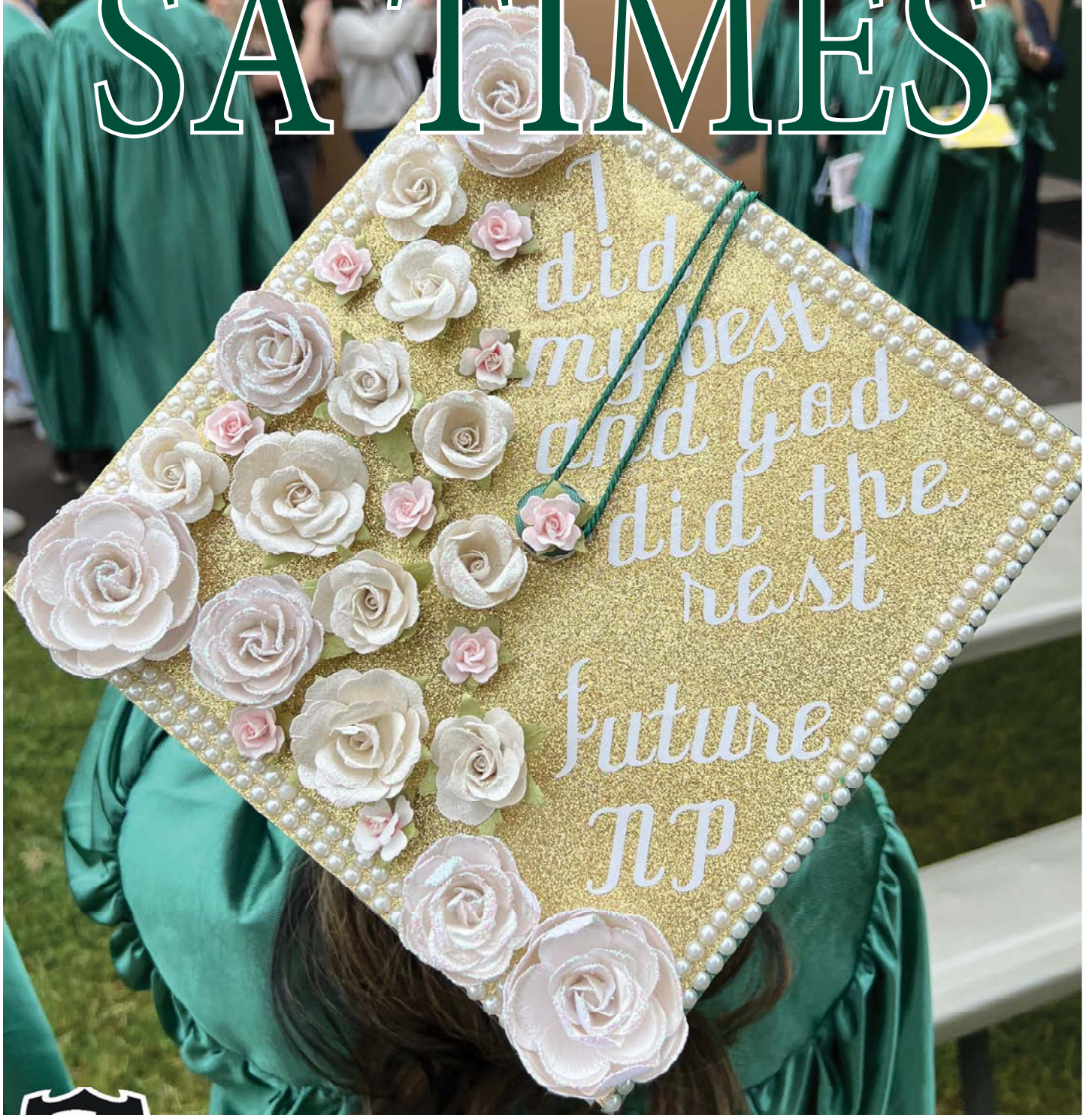


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Superintendent's Message



“True education is a kind of never ending story - a matter of continual beginnings, of habitual fresh starts, of persistent newness.”
(JRR Tolkien)

Dear SA Family and Friends,

I want to start by thanking the entire Salem Academy Christian Schools family– SA Board of Trustees, SA staff, SA parents, and SA students. It has been an honor, and true education, to take this year as a year of “new beginnings” for me as I stepped into the position of Superintendent. Every member of our SA family, with whom I have had the privilege to meet and spend time this school year, welcomed me, shared SA memories and stories, and conveyed their commitment and passion for our school. Thank you for your patience as I am slowly learning our traditions. Being new to any community setting possesses challenges, but the fresh start does allow for new growth and memories. The 2023-24 school year afforded many amazing memories as SA saw God work in miraculous ways.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”
Matthew 22:37-39

Applying Jesus’ command to LOVE, we knew as a staff that the year must be centered on “Love of Christ, love of community, and the love of kids.” From the vision of Matthew 22, the theme of the school year became “Relationships through Community...first with Christ, then colleagues, and kids.” One of the first ways I experienced the strength of our SA community was when everyone came together as we mourned and grieved through the passing of a beloved father, husband, friend, and coach. I watched as community members, parents, and pastors came in and stood beside our students praying with them, encouraging them with God’s promises, and hugging them as our SA kids navigated the pain of great loss. I listened as a second grader shared the best part of school was learning and talking about Jesus every day. I watched students step into

the role of mentors and teachers as our secondary students worked with primary students through Vacation Bible School. I celebrated with our students and SA community as 28 students responded to Christ through baptism at the end of Spiritual Emphasis Week. It amazed me to see God bring together His people in community as we grew in our relationship with Him.

My desire is for Salem Academy to continue to build those Christ-centered, strong relationships as we know and follow Him. Next year’s spiritual focus comes from John 10:27 where Jesus specifically reminds us that being known by Him allows believers to hear and follow Him. Knowing and following Christ is the foundation of all areas of our lives; it affects how we learn, utilize our God-given talents, teach, communicate, and build relationships. I am excited to see how the Lord grows each of us at SA in the 2024-25 school year.

I am thankful for the faithfulness and support I have seen in the Salem Academy Christian Schools family. May the Lord continue to bless our alumni, donors, friends, parents, students, and all our staff. Please keep our school in your prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Peterson'.

Tim Peterson
Superintendent



GRADUATION 2024



Another year has passed and our Salem Academy alumni ranks have grown once again with the 2024 Graduation.

The Student Address was shared by Ella Ditchen '24 and Haley Krieger '24 as they challenged their class of 2024 follow Christ.



"Every year Salem Academy chooses a theme to represent our spiritual focus, and this year's theme was about building community - 'Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.' (Ecc. 4:12) When we were writing this speech, we honestly agreed that it was going to be difficult to tie this theme together with our class that is very individualistic and socially diverse."

"Since we live in a broken world, a lot of our growth has stemmed from broken moments as well. The heartache that many people from this community have experienced is gut wrenching. We have all bonded from overcoming uncertain times and the feelings that go along with them...There was one particular teacher (Mrs. Turner!) who always provided us with constant support and encouragement from inside and outside the classroom even when our apathy was evident."

"A vast minority of students in America have the opportunity to learn about the Word of God in a safe environment where they are deeply loved. It is apparent that God meant for us to come here together, regardless of circumstance, and learn and grow as one class of individuals...Who knows where our journey will take us? But we know that as believers, we are called to look beyond the physical world. Through our time at SA, we have been equipped with the tools to face the broken world with Christ by our side...So our challenge to you, class of 2024,

is to look back on our high school days and acknowledge the fun we had and the lessons we learned that better equipped us to passionately follow Christ...be unapologetic followers of the Good God who has a specific path for each of us. Follow that path wholeheartedly and demonstrate God's love to everyone around you."



The Address to Graduates was given by English Teacher Tricia Peterson sharing how the Lord kept hitting her heart with the word "paths" and shared the story of King Josiah who took the throne at age 8 and by 20 began a journey of spiritual formation.

"Be a King Josiah - focus your eyes on the Lord - not the brokenness of generational failings - and push back the darkness. Read God's Word faithfully and allow it to break your heart. Love your generation well by honoring humanity ...do what is right and do not look to the right or the left...walk with the Lord in community with other believers, let the Lord call you out of your safe places to be bold, have a repentant heart when your life for Jesus is weak. Feed and tend the sheep of your generation. Fix your eyes on Jesus the Author and Perfecter of your faith and hold tightly to His righteous right hand...Make the reflection of Jesus beautiful as you faithfully follow the Living God. I am super proud of each of you...make good choices...be a Light in this VERY DARK world...and in Tolkien's words, 'Don't leave the path.'"

This year's annual Davidson, Ditchen, & Taylor Scholarship Senior recipient was Haley Krieger '24 (8th Grade recipient Seth Duman).



[View the full graduation ceremony and speeches at SalemAcademy.org/Blog.](https://SalemAcademy.org/Blog)





Class of 2024: Jesse Lee Bauldree, Logan James Bennett, Samantha Kathleen Brooks, Hailey Alexis Campbell, Katie Laura Churchill, Ella Reese Ditchen, Hannah Joy Friesen, Natalie Rae Haragan, Noah Torres Hawkins, Grace Marie Hurst, Kaylan Brynna Ann Iverson, Ridge Michael Jantzi, Lynia Reese Jones, Megan Ruth Kenyon, Haley Michelle Krieger, Jinui Kwon, Minseong Kwon, Logan James Martin, Caleb Michael McGraw, Henry James Owre, Tillman Rocker Plotts, Sydnie Claire Reed, Angeline Debra Riley, Dawson Donavon Rios, Maddie Grace Robertson, Julianne Louise Rumney, Mercedes Vivian Salinas, Connor Wayne Smith, Joshua James Smith, Aiden Shae Byeman Thomas, Vasilia Josephine Tussing, TiAnnah Grace Vincent, Talan Scott Warkentin, and Kysen David Williams.



CAMPUS CORNER



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The Principal's Desk

Lindsey Brownell (Secondary Principal)

This has been an incredible school year focusing on practicing the biblical truth that we are indeed “stronger together” as Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, “A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.”

This verse for our school year has provided biblical insights in how two people can form a relationship, three people can form a community, and we all have the potential to become something within the Kingdom of God that we could never be on our own. When faced with intense adversity and loss to experiencing incredible victory during Spiritual Emphasis Week, our community has flourished as we reflect our God-given connection. From small group discussion to community chapel groups with our elementary friends, there has been much spiritual growth as we learn to walk closer with Christ. Our academic achievements, athletic and fine arts success, and planting seeds of faith during VBS have demonstrated the dedication and hard work inspired by our unity and trust as we walk in God’s faithfulness.



Decision Day



Robotics



8th Grade D.C. Trip



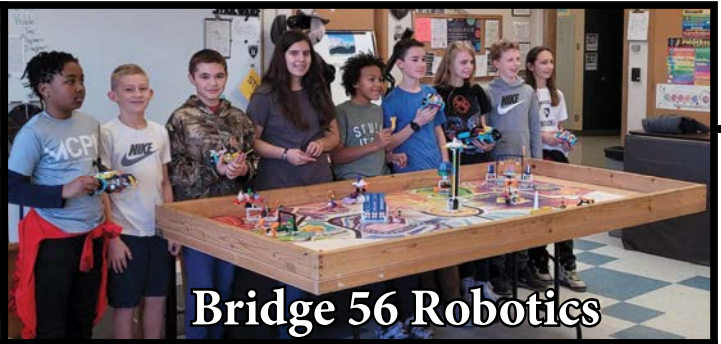
Junior High Fun Day



Junior High Science



Bridge 56 Science



Bridge 56 Robotics



S.A.L.T.



The Principal's Desk

Alexis Smith (K-6 Principal)

This year together began with gratefulness of another year being together and the hope a new school year brings to all. Our school theme "Kingdom Builders" was based on Mark 10:31-32 - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Throughout the school year, a highlight was partnering with Secondary through community chapels where relationships developed between our younger and older students. Spiritual Emphasis Week in April was a phenomenal time of worshipping the Lord, learning scripture, playing games, making crafts, and enjoying being one body of Believers! Finally, our students participated in the annual Track & Field Day collecting points for their team through athletics as well as their demonstration of our values & virtues. It was a true celebration of community as SO MANY family members volunteered to help run events and stations! We couldn't have made it through the year without our Parent Partnerships who served as learning group facilitators in classrooms, helped teachers with activities and planning parties, joining on field trips, volunteering for special events and generously giving gifts to teachers, staff, and classrooms. Most important this year, we saw God work in us, through us, and for us as we have journeyed through the celebrations, the hardships, and the normalcy of everyday school life. And we end the year as we began...Grateful to the Lord for His continued work in the SA Elementary!



Living History Museum



Book Character Day



Preschool Graduation



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Spiritual Emphasis Week



Bottle Drive

NEW LIFE

God showed up in so many big ways all throughout Spiritual Emphasis Week this spring. We saw Him move each morning through VBS as secondary students shared the Word of God, played with elementary students, and participated in science experiments. We are sure He smiled watching both elementary and secondary students sing and dance together in worship to our Savior. In the afternoon Secondary students were blessed by visiting speakers, hands-on activities, and staff & student-led worship time. The week ended with so much of God's love and grace, sharing in communion, and a historical moment for SA as 28 students were baptized! As the Glory of God filled the room lives were touched and forever changed. Thank you to the Salem Heights worship team and to everyone who helped make this a day we will never forget. Video available on SA's Facebook page.



Kids Heart Challenge



Blood Drive



Spring VBS



THE ARTS



Secondary Choir & Band



Secondary Art



Band Festival



K-6 State Choir



Ukelele Club



Elementary Art



Secondary Theatre

ATHLETICS



State Track Champions



CELIA JAMES
400M DASH
58.86
NEW SCHOOL RECORD



SA Girls Golf - State Champs!



State Swim - 4th Place

2:02.60
@ Districts
NEW SCHOOL RECORD



OHSET DISTRICT

Emily Morris: 5th Place overall high point; Bronze Medal - Western Horsemanship; Double Medal Qualifier - Trail Equitation & Hunt Seat Equitation

Cameron Jenkins: 9th Place overall high point; Gold Medal - Showmanship & Driving; Silver Medal - In Hand Trail; qualified for regionals in Hand Trail and Driving at State.



Softball Districts



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Another year has concluded in true Crusader style, and it's one that our school, community, and families can take immense pride in. It was a full year brimming with packed events, enthusiastic crowds, outstanding competition, and God's grace evident in and through each of our student-athletes as they represented Him and our school. Our success this year was remarkable, with Salem Academy finding success across the fall, winter, and spring seasons. A huge congratulations to our Girls' Golf team for their State Championship victory and also we commend our girls' individual champions in two separate events in track and field. We are also excited to unveil our newly painted track, which will further enhance our facilities and provide an improved environment for our athletes to train and excel. As we look forward to the coming year, our athletic participation continues to rise! We are delighted to see the SA community and students foster a culture of service, competition, and leadership. Glory to God! Go Crusaders!

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VOLLEYBALL KARA COPELAND	BOYS SOCCER BROOKE JONES
BASKETBALL: JEFF DUNN & JOHN BENNETT '21	
BASEBALL STEVE REED '95	TRACK SAM KENYON '17

For more SA Athletic all conference honors and news visit the team pages at: SalemAcademy.org/Athletics.



WINTER & SPRING ATHLETICS

23-24 RESULTS

Boys Basketball

League Honors:

3rd Team: Caleb McGraw & Mateo Schutt

Honorable Mention: Henry Molan & Jesse Bauldree

Girls Basketball

League Honors:

2nd Team: Sophie Pass

3rd Team: Chase Sullivan

Honorable Mention: Karalee Fridley

All-Defensive Team: Chase Sullivan

Swimming

State: 200 IM Medley Relay: Brooke Stubbe, Haley Krieger, Ellie Gladow, & Eliana Kuenz (4th)

Districts Results: * State Qualifier

Team: Girls (2nd) and Boys (9th)

200 IM Medley Relay: Brooke Stubbe, Haley Krieger, Ellie Gladow, & Eliana Kuenz (1st*; new SA record 2:02.60) 200 Free: Ellie Gladow (4th*)

200 IM: David Riggs (5th) & Alex Willcoxon (7th)

50 Free: Eliana Kuenz (1st*) & Brooke Stubbe (2nd*)

100 Free: Ellie Gladow (2nd*) & Eliana Kuenz
100 Butterfly: Haley Krieger (8th)
500 Free: Alex Willcoxon (7th) & David Riggs (11th)
200 Free Relay: Brooke Stubbe, Haley Krieger, Ellie Gladow, & Eliana Kuenz (1st*) & Maya Cooke, Alex Willcoxon, Ella Ditchen, & Claire Hicks (8th)
100 Breaststroke: Haley Krieger (4th*)
100 Backstroke: Brooke Stubbe (3rd*) & Maya Cooke (6th)
400 Free Relay: Talan Warkentin, Michael Benson, Simon Sullivan, & David Riggs (8th)

Track

Districts: 3rd Place (Girls) and 3rd Place (Boys)

Individual State Results:

4x100 Relay: Riley Tillery, Chase Sullivan, Adalin Narvaez, & Celia James (3rd); Logan Brownell, Tobin Saunders, Hayden Brownell, & Noah Dettwyler (3rd)
4x400 Relay: Lynia Jones, Chase Sullivan, Adalin Narvaez, & Celia James (CHAMPION)
400M: Celia James (CHAMPION); new SA record 58.86), Noah Dettwyler (5th), & Lynia Jones (7th)
800M: Celia James (3rd)
300M Hurdles: Noah Dettwyler (2nd)
Triple Jump: Emma Brewer (4th)
Discus: Caleb McGraw (2nd)

High Jump: Emma Brewer (4th) & Mateo Schutt (4th)
110M Hurdles: Noah Dettwyler (5th)
100M Hurdles: Adalin Narvaez (7th)

Softball

State: Made Quarterfinal

League: CHAMPIONS

State Honors:

2nd Team: Addi Bennett (P & IF), Olivia Kansky (FB)

Honorable Mention: Grace Talbot (IF), Baylie Imig (OF), & Lilly Bennett (U)

Baseball

League Honors:

1st Team: Ethan Ditchen (U) & Mason Bennett (U)
2nd Team: Ainge Anderson (C)

Golf

State: CHAMPIONS

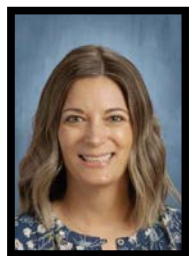
District: CHAMPIONS

1st Team: Ellie Gladow, Chloe Johnson, Alex Willcoxon
Honorable Mention: Sloane James

STAFF PROFILES

FAREWELLS

CHRISTINA GREENE: *I have truly loved my four years at Salem Academy. I was hired during the pandemic to teach 5th grade Science and History. After two years of teaching and obtaining my Master's Degree I moved into the Director of Student Success position. I have enjoyed serving our students, staff, and families. Having the opportunity to share the gospel with students and encourage them in their faith has been such a blessing and a privilege for me. Moving forward in the fall, I plan to serve the Lord at Salem Heights Church and do some teaching for Corban University.*



MICHELLE HEUBERGER: *I want to express how much I have loved being part of Salem Academy over the past three years as a parent and the Director of Educational Support Services. It was exciting and humbling to see God's blessings on the school and how He provided the resources and staffing to grow the Educational Support Services department from one part-time teacher to two and a half full-time teachers. Salem Academy will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will miss the students, families, and faculty immensely.*

JENNA ALLEN: *ou have been so welcoming to me this year! I had an incredible crew of 6th graders in math, and I loved helping them grow! Thank you to the very encouraging team out in Bridge 56. You all rock! God has been so faithful to this school, and I'm so thankful I was able to see it this year. Praying this school would continue to be a bright light in Salem. I will miss you all!*



RACHEL ZOERNER: *I cannot express how much I love and appreciate everyone here at Salem Academy. I never, ever planned on becoming a teacher. However, the week before school began in the Fall of 2022, I found myself unexpectedly preparing to teach Psychology, Junior High and High School Theatre. I definitely never expected this change of direction in my life, and being a teacher was never in the plans. However, the Lord miraculously orchestrated everything in a set of circumstances that led to my time here with the SA family. The community here is unbelievable. They have been such an encouraging and enthusiastic support system to me, my family, and my dear friends, in one of the most difficult times in our lives. The family here at SA has ministered to me and others with the most wonderful love of God & I cannot express my gratitude enough. As I pursue the path I was on before coming to SA, I will intensely miss the love & presence of all of the amazing students and incredible faculty I have be-*

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come close with. Since my son is attending SA, I will most definitely still be around, & so look forward to the future of SA!

CONIE KRAUSE '74: Well, I've finally come to the end of an unexpected journey. As a graduate of Salem Academy, I never dreamed I would one day come back as a teacher. It has been a great ride. I have worked for wonderful administrators, taught with incredible teachers, spent my days with amazing kids, and been assisted more times than I can count by very patient admins. I'm grateful to Almighty God for handing me the gift of college at the age of 40. I'm grateful to my wonderful husband for nudging me forward. I'm grateful for Lindsay and Karen for looking at this aging woman and still seeing potential in her to teach. I look forward to what lies ahead and ever thankful for what's behind. Salem Academy will always remain a part of me.



HANNAH KENDALL: It has been a blessing and honor to serve alongside such amazing brothers and sisters in Christ these last 8 years. While at SA, I have grown as a professional and individual through both the good and hard times. I have also experienced a special sense of belonging. The teachers and staff that I work with are some of my best friends in the world and I will greatly miss the community. I hope to stay connected to SA in the future, possibly as a sub, but for certain in prayer. Thank you to all the families I have had the blessing of partnering with. And to all of my students, I will never forget you. You will always have a place in my heart.



JULIE RIORDAN: I have been blessed to have taught in preschool and daycare at SA. I will be substituting so I will be around for a while longer. Looking forward to gardening, woman's Bible Study, seeing more of my grand kids and attending historical teas & events.

NEW FACES

We not only say farewell to those starting a new adventure, but also welcome those beginning their SA adventure!



Earlier this year, it was announced that Communications Coordinator (and wearer of many other hats) **Angela Jones '94** has been called away from SA (read more about her new journey on pg. 16 as part of ALUMNI NEWS). Despite accepting a new job last summer, she graciously arranged with her new employer to delay starting a year allowing time for us to shift some roles, hire a new Administrative Coordinator, and provide time for cross-training this spring while

Angela was still here to assist. *And who has she been training?* We are excited to welcome **Nicole (Nicky) Bornstedt**. She has been with SA since March and already jumped head first into both taking over tasks and becoming a part of our SA staff community. A George Fox graduate with a B.A. in Psychology, Nicky has experience in a variety of industries working previously at Olsen Daines and Capital Manor.

I have prayed over where God would like me to go for a long time. The past decade has been the story of one door closing and another being opened. God has provided each step of the way from the closed door, the in-between, and the next open door. I am excited to expand my faith and to be able to help others. It is an honor to be a part of the SA family. Truly, it is a blessing to be among such kindhearted people. There is still a lot to learn, but so far it has been an exciting beginning to an incredible adventure!

WELCOME TO THE SA BOARD:

This summer **Jayme Fridley** (shown below with husband Nolan) joins the Salem Academy Board of Trustees. A current SA parent, and daughter of former SA Superintendent Ben Pottloff's, Jayme brings experience in education as a former teacher at SA, along with the perspective of a Crusader parent, having four children currently enrolled.



I'm honored to serve the Lord and our school in this new way. I'm passionate about Christian education's role in discipling the hearts of students while giving them a Biblical Worldview to navigate life. I pray our students, like Jesus, will "grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52)

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



Director Message

This school year has seen many blessings, which makes me wonder about the many unseen blessings SA has received. It's an exciting thought, knowing He is always working for us. God provides generously to our school through his children, and

I wish I had the space to mention each act of service here. So many in the SA community provide in ways from little to big, seen and unseen, following the action God puts on our hearts. To highlight a couple of these generous stories, here are some wonderful examples from this school year:



- SA family **Rich and Amy Kansky** generously donated material and labor through Green Acres Landscape to create a beautiful turf in front of the Bridge building earlier this school year. This has provided students a clean area to wait for after school pick up. *Thank you!*

- SA alum and parent **Duane Ditchen '95** generously donated material and labor to level the gravel drive leading to the track and football field. This driveway has been transformed from a notoriously bumpy road to a packed and flat drive. *Thank you!*

...for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:13

2023 GIVING THANK YOU!



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1945 SOCIETY MEMBERS

Established in 2016, this society includes donors who give \$1,945 or more annually to our General Fund. Newest members (highlighted below):

- Bob Cannon
- Michelle Cummings
- Cliff Friesen
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- Heather Jones
- Scott Morrison
- **Duane and Denise Olson**
- Larry and Cathie Raaf
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- **Donald Satter**
- **Carl and Malinda Wilson**
- **Jame and Heather Wilson**



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These members give a regularly recurring gift to our General Fund. Newest members (highlighted below):

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- Barbara Fadel
- Randy James
- Angela Jones
- Neal and Marcia Jones
- Carroll Klingbile
- Ross Lewis
- Ryan and Lisa Morris
- Fred and Melissa Nordgren
- Doug and Michele Smith
- Ronald Goertzen and Joan Sumpter
- Rev. Donald and Anita Tonack



Thank you to those who gave in memory of Arnold Schmidt and Trisha Duman.

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2024 ANNUAL AUCTION Supporters filled the Salem Convention Center's Santiam Ballroom for Salem Academy's 2024 Auction. Guests enjoyed event favorites such as the Heads and Tails game, the Dessert Dash, and many dressed for the Kentucky Derby theme. Thank you to our event sponsors, the many families and businesses who donated packages and helped in other ways, and the families who participated in the class auction donation contest. This event takes many people to plan in order to make the evening run smoothly and to create a fun and memorable time. Thank you to auctioneer Paul Schultz, emcees Jason and Lindsay Brownell, speakers Tim Peterson (SA Superintendent) and Conie Krause (SA English teacher), the student volunteers, and an incredible, hard-working auction committee. Overall, this year's auction raised **\$154,750**, including **\$28,800** from the scholarship paddle raise. Thanks to all who came to support SA. Mark your calendar for next year's auction on **April 12, 2025**, at the Salem Convention Center, where we will gather again to support Salem Academy and celebrate its 80th anniversary!!



ALUMNI NEWS



(Pictured L-R: Chris Ueeck '91, Angela Jones '91, and Heather Jones '94)

ANGELA JONES '91

It may sound as shocking to many reading this as it is for me to type. Never in a million years did I think my time at SA would be only a season (even if it's been an 18 year LONG season); but a few years back I began praying that God would help me to hold loosely to where He had me so I'd be open should He call me elsewhere. With each year as I prayed, there was a sigh of relief to NOT feel a tug of change! That would change the spring of 2023. While still processing family loss and grief, I began to sense God pressing on my heart that maybe He had a new thing He wanted to do in (and through) me. Around that same time conversations began for a completely new opportunity. After months of "back and forth" with God to make sure I was hearing Him correctly- especially since I was perfectly happy at SA - it became clear He did have something new.

**"God is stirring something new inside of you.
BE WILLING TO LET GO of the old and embrace the new!"**

And what will that new thing be? Starting July 1, 2024, I'll be a full-time Accounting Business Analyst Coordinator at Brenner, LLP, where my sister Heather Jones '94 works and where fellow SA classmate Chris Ueeck '94 (and SCADCO board member) is the partner in charge. Thankfully, Brenner was incredibly understanding, and offered to hold the position for a year. This would allow me time to help transition a new Superintendent and download 18 years worth of knowledge into a desk manual of information available to those who come after me. Was there grief this past year as I experienced the "last" of things? Most definitely. But, all along the way, there has also been a peace that this is exactly God's plan. My years at Salem Academy have been such a blessing as I served alongside incredible friends while supporting the mission and vision of a school that gave so much to me as a student. This SA alumna will carry Salem Academy (and relationships made here) in her heart forever!



ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME



SA MILESTONES



1) **Amanda (Robbins) '13** & Augustus Kreder: November 4.
 2) **Alisha (Wenger) '12** & Micah Stoltzfus: December 29.
 3) **Vicki (So) '11** & Yaron Chan: April 12.
 4) **Annie (Chavez) '16** and **Stephen Barreto '16**: Madison Andrew; February 15; 7 lbs. 8.3 oz. & 21 in.
 5) **Kaelyn (Ramsay) Bennett '17**: Eloise Maureen; February 1; 8 lbs. 15 oz. & 22 in.
 6) **Rachel (Peters) Bohnet '12**: August Stephen; January 27; 6 lbs. 1 oz. & 19 in.

7) **Alyssa (Wickman) Darst '15**: Harper Elizabeth; April 17; 6 lbs. 15 oz. & 19 in.
 8) **Chris Haley '11**: Charlie Rae; November 2; 7 lbs. 2 oz. & 19.5 in.
 9) **Andrew Kline '16**: Olivia Marie; May 8; 6 lbs. 15 oz. & 20 in.
 10) **Bradley Naden '11**: Barrett James; March 4; 9 lbs. 7 oz. & 21 in.
 11) **Rachel (Wright) Parks '13**: Silas Bernard; December 31; 5 lbs. 5 oz. & 13 in.
 12) **Alex Pilgrim '13**: Henley Marie; February 2; 8 lbs. 8 oz. & 20 in.

13) **Tania (Miltimore) Riener '11**: Weston Hayes; April 11; 8 lbs. 8 oz. & 20.25 in.
 14) **Jaimie (Freeberg) Sanchez '10**: Jordyn Olivia; November 15; 8 lbs. 14 oz. & 20.5 in.
 15) **Laura (Wildfang) '15** and **Sam Hekman '15**: Miles Noble; March 11; 7 lbs. 5 oz. & 21 in.

Have a special milestone to share?

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IN MEMORY



Marciel Jeannette (Reimer) Regier '52 passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at Palm Village Retirement Community in Reedley, CA, at the age of 89. Marciel had a home birth on March 12, 1934 to Cornelius and Anna Reimer in

Dallas, OR. She attended high school at Salem Christian Academy where she made lifetime friends. As a child, Marciel loved accompanying her father, a lay preacher, on Sunday mornings to teach Sunday School in the hop yards to migrant children. She attended and was baptized in the Dallas, Oregon Mennonite Brethren Church. After graduating from Salem Academy, Marciel attended Pacific Bible Institute in Fresno, CA, where she met Marvin Regier, the love of her life. Marvin and Marciel were married on August 15, 1952 at Dallas, OR. Immediately after the wedding, mom and dad moved to Los Angeles where Dad worked at Los Angeles General Hospital and mom worked at Singer Sewing Machine. When dad completed his service, they moved to Dallas, OR, where Michael and Cindy were born. Mom worked summers at the cannery and picking hops. In 1961 Marvin and Marciel moved to Reedley where Monte was born. Mom and Dad joined the Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church. Mom stayed active in the church by teaching Sunday School and Pioneer Girls and later singing in the choir. Mom had a love of math and numbers and prior to her retirement, she worked as a bookkeeper for Ferdinand Yale, Pioneer Equipment, Gus Janzen, and Wes Isaac Construction. Mom and Dad loved to travel with their good friends and went on many cruises and visited many countries. Marciel and Marvin celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Marciel is survived by her husband, Marvin Regier, her brother Tom Reimer of Edmonds, Washington and her three children: Michael Regier (and wife Paula), Cindy Schuil (and husband Marc) and Monte Regier (and wife Christie). She has 5 Grandchildren: Jeff Schuil (Lindsay), Crystal Bevis (Jared), Katie Verhoeven (Jonathan), Brooke and Austin Regier. Marciel was blessed with 10 Great Grandchildren: Levi, Jane and Jude Schuil; Owen, Nora and Miles Bevis; and Savannah, Emily, Gwen and Marc Verhoeven. Always positive and caring, Marciel loved serving her family and was always there for a school program or sports event. Marciel hosted all of our family gatherings at her home until she was no longer able. Marciel was a voracious reader and also loved to garden. Donations may be made to Palm Village Retirement Community.

Barry Warren '63 was born in Brooklyn, NY, to Helen and Dewitt Warren. He moved to Salem area as a toddler. He attended Salem Academy graduating in 1963. He joined the US Army and served from 1963 to 1966 as a diesel mechanic. Barry married Angela Hays in May of 1967 and were married for over 53 years. He was self-employed as a house framer from 1967 to 1975. He then joined C&R builders as a remodeler from 1975 - 1979. In 1980, he went to work for Gene S.



McMurrin as an equipment operator until retirement in 2007. He enjoyed car racing, truck pulls and was a long time member of Willamette Motor Club. He also enjoyed playing Santa for neighbors and friends. He is survived by his brother Robert Warren of Sutherlin, OR, sister Patsy Olson Reno, NV, daughter Brenda Wright and her husband Jerry, Grandchildren Megan Berg (Casey), Bryan Due (Angelica), Brooke Whittenburg, Allison Navarro, and 6 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wife Angela Warren, brother Jerry Warren, sister Sharon Jones, and his daughter Mindy Warren.



Russell Bruce Tuma '72, 69, left this earth to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 11, 2023, after a quick and difficult battle with pancreatic cancer. Bruce was surrounded by friends and family during his last days, and passed peacefully with his wife Terri at his side and family nearby. Bruce, born on December 6, 1953 in Albany, OR, was the son of Russ and Fern Tuma. He grew up on a farm north of Monmouth, OR. He attended school in Monmouth and Independence and also went to Salem Academy for a time. He was graduated from Central High School in 1972, and went on to earn a welding certificate from Chemeketa Community College in Salem. As a child, Bruce was full of curiosity and creativity. He would carefully take time to design every detail of his plans before building his projects. Bruce helped his father turn his bedroom into a log cabin. In the family barnyard, Bruce and his father built a lookout tower and a large ship which he and his friends would play war on. He built and raced a Soap Box Derby car. Later, he went on to restore a Model A Ford and a Chevrolet Corvette. Bruce and Terri were high school sweethearts. They finally married in 1988 and were happily married for 35 years. Bruce and Terri enjoyed frequent stays at the Oregon Coast. They spent many long weekends in Portland attending various performances and enjoyed trips to Astoria, Seattle, Washington D.C, Victoria B.C., California, England and Wales. Bruce and Terri built their home together and enjoyed working on many home projects. Bruce loved his job of 33 years at Western Oregon University, especially when welding or fabricating parts. To coworkers and friends, his work lovingly became termed as "Tuma-built" or "Brucitized," and he was nicknamed "Rebar Bruce." A highlight of Bruce's career at Western was designing, building and maintaining the beautiful campus entry signs and signs for many of the campus buildings. The massive star that lights the giant Sequoia every Christmas Season was another highlight. Bruce was honored with the Staff Excellence Award in 2017. Outside of work, Bruce built a few things over the years: a couple of trailers for heavy equipment, small trailers for household use, a huge machine called a belt slitter that cuts conveyer belts for use in manufacturing. He fabricated the first Christmas tree forms that the City of Monmouth hangs on the Main Street lamp posts every year. He also made the locomotive weathervane that is atop the cupola of the Monmouth Public Library. He restored Independence's

first bank building, the J.S. Cooper Building. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Truly, Bruce's craft is all over the Western campus and the towns of Monmouth and Independence. He loved hotrods and classic cars and swap meets. He loved going to the drag strip in Woodburn and the sprint car races in Lebanon. In retirement, he started building a Model A roadster. He also had a fascination with trains and any kind of old machinery, including old tractors. He loved Independence Day and Christmas. Bruce was a kind and generous man, slow to anger, and always ready for a laugh. He was positive and thoughtful. He was devoted to Terri. He loved his sisters and extended family with a passion. He had friends far and wide from all walks of life. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Russ and Fern Tuma. Survivors, in addition to his wife Terri, are sisters Kathleen Hanson and Sharon Clinton (Jerry), and a multitude of extended family and friends.

Harold P. Harms was born near Meade, KS, on October 29, 1932, the last of twelve children born to Henry R. and Maggie Thiessen Harms. His father was a pastor as well as a small acreage farmer. Growing up on a farm during the dust bowl years gave him many opportunities to learn how to work. At the age of eight, Harold gave his life to Christ. Since his parent's home served as the local motel for visiting pastors and missionaries, numerous visitors had a profound impact on his life. He attended grade school at Sunrise School, located in the country, a 1 3/4 mile walk from home. Meade Bible Academy was the next introduction to education. Harold's parents always encouraged Biblical training, so off to Omaha, NE, to Grace Bible Institute, later called Grace University. After graduating from Grace Bible Institute in 1954, he attended and graduated from Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, OR, and attended one year at Western Baptist Seminary in Portland, OR. Following his junior year at Grace, Harold's parents moved to Dallas, OR, where he met and later married Joyce Ediger. They shared 65 wonderful years together; some in Africa, some in Portland, and some in Dallas. God blessed their home with two children, JoAnn and Timothy. After returning from Africa in 1973, where Harold and Joyce worked with the Congo Inland Mission, caring for missionary children, Harold taught at Salem Academy. Sensing God's leading in another direction, he trained to become a hospital chaplain, serving in Valley Community Hospital for nearly 20 years. During the next 10 years he also served as part time associate pastor of the Evangelical Bible Church and Chaplain of the local fire department. The past 6 years Harold and Joyce have enjoyed living at the Dallas Retirement Village - Independent Living. After a recent diagnosis of cancer, Harold went home to be with the Lord, peacefully on November 9, 2023. Survivors include his wife, Joyce, daughter, JoAnn (Mike Loewen), son, Timothy, brother, Vernon P Harms, two grandsons, Zachary and Connor Loewen, nieces, nephews and friends.





Ronald Dale Bullock, 83, passed away on October 12, 2023. He was born on January 22, 1940, in Eugene, OR, to Dale and Martha Bullock. Ron grew up on the family farm in Kellogg, OR, near the Umpqua River, where he learned to swim, first crossing the river before the age of 10. He and his cousin, Marvin Bullock (who was like a brother), helped their fathers build a motel in Eugene when they were in grade school. Later, the Bullock families moved to Brookings, where the boys helped build another motel (both buildings are still standing). Ron went to Brookings Harbor High School, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He loved working on cars with his friends, especially his cherished Oldsmobile. He worked summers in a lumber mill. Ron was a bit competitive and pushed himself to graduate as valedictorian in 1958. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree with honors in secondary education with a math major from OSU in 1962. That year, Ron began teaching math and coaching football in Portland at Parkrose High School. During the summers, he went back to school and earned his masters degree in counseling from OSU. While in college, Ron met his one true love and lifelong sweetheart, Leslie Jean Pegg. They were married on June 9, 1962, at Corvallis First Baptist Church. They honeymooned that summer in a lookout tower near Lakeview, where they helped protect the mountain forests from fire. In 1965, they had their first child, Lynn Kathryn, who was stillborn. Their second daughter, Perrie Danielle, was born in 1966 and William Dale followed in 1968. In '68, they moved to Stayton, where Ron taught math at Stayton Union High School and coached football. He was also a baseball pitching coach (where the Eagles took the state championship once or twice). In 1979, Ron felt led to switch from public to private education at Salem Academy. He not only taught math and Bible classes, but also served as athletic director, counselor, vice principal and coached basketball and baseball. Later, around 1987, he returned to Stayton where he finished his career. He retired in 2002. Ron was a man of faith in Jesus Christ and lived a life of integrity and humility. He was a member of Stayton Christian Church, where he served as an elder until his health began to fail. He was an outgoing guy who loved his family, teaching and coaching, sports (especially the OSU Beavers), laughter and humor (telling horrible puns), traveling Oregon and Washington, being near water (building a pond and waterfall in the backyard), reading, and tending to his legendary rose bushes (well, he didn't exactly love pruning them, but delighted in sharing their beauty with the neighborhood). But most of all, Ron loved and adored Leslie. They were inseparable. Last October, Leslie died at home after a final bout of cancer. Ron tended to her lovingly, never leaving her side. He missed her terribly. Now, they are together again forever. Ron is survived by his children, Perrie (and son-in-law David) Stewart, Will (and daughter-in-law Bitsy) Bullock; grandchildren Boston Stewart, Cassidy Ryan, Zane Stewart, Paige Bullock, and Ethan Bullock; sisters Shirley Henderer and Kathi Caulley; and sister-in-law, Barbara Waldron (who stayed with Leslie and then Ron in their last weeks).

Cindy McNeal passed on her 70th birthday, December 28, 2023 after a battle with dementia. Born in Salem to Dale and Beulah Brown, Cindy was a lifelong resident of Salem, attending North Salem High School and

briefly studying at OSU. Cindy had a fulfilling career at Salem Academy, and later at the Oregon Department of Revenue, known for her dependability and kindness. In 2000, she married Steve McNeal, and they shared a life marked by love and mutual support. Steve's devotion and dedication to Cindy, especially in her final years, was a testament to their deep bond. Cindy is survived by her husband Steve McNeal and her brother Richard Brown, as well as her former husband Bruce Beebe and their sons Sean '93 (Amy '94) Beebe, Brian (Marci) Beebe, and Matt Beebe '99 (David Mifflin). She was a doting grandmother to Kelsey, Ryan, Natalie, Chloe, Anya, Willow, Eowyn, Sydney, and Milo. She was predeceased by her parents Dale and Beulah Brown and her brother Larry Brown. She is also survived by Steve's family: Margaret McNeal, Beverly Reimann (Dick), Shirley Rodbold (Pete), Steven McNeal Jr., and Benjamin McNeal. She adored her cats, took great pride in her collection of collectibles, and enjoyed playing pinochle with her family. Her happiest moments were often spent embracing the beauty of life with her grandchildren, at the Oregon coast, or cruising in her sporty red cars. Cindy's legacy of kindness and warmth will continue to inspire those who knew her.



Anita Freeman - Let it be known there was a party in Heaven on Sunday morning, October 1, 2023. It was a welcoming home for Anita (Weimer) Freeman: Child of God, Bride of Christ, daughter, sister, wife, mother, teacher, and friend. Anita's 81 years began as the youngest of 3 children, born to Leslie and Leota Weimer on November 7, 1941. Growing up on Route 6, between Chesterton and Valparaiso, she had plenty of room to romp around the outdoors. Always active: at home, at church, working, and at school, where she graduated from Liberty Township H.S. as the valedictorian of the class of 1959. She went on to attend Taylor University where she met her future husband, John Freeman, and graduated summa-cum-laude. They were married on December 29, 1962, of her senior year. After a short stint in Long Beach, CA, where John was stationed with the Navy, their journey took them to Gunnison, CO, and Western State University where they worked on their Masters degrees and added to their family: Sandy '86 born in 1967 and Scott '88 born in 1970. From Colorado their road took them through 7 states and over 50 different addresses. During that time: Anita took care of her home, children, and husband. She taught High School Shorthand, Accounting, Bible, Typing, and PE, among other classes. She also coached Volleyball, Basketball, and Cheerleading. When she was not teaching, she worked as a Business Administrator for a variety of different offices. Some of those were: George Fox College, MetLife, United Way and a car dealership in Freeport. Everywhere she worked or taught at, people knew that she loved the Lord, she loved her family, and she loved and cared about those she taught, worked with and befriended. If you had her as a teacher at Salem Academy (1976-1986 Salem, OR), you may recall her fondness for Pac-Man, Snoopy, and cannibal jokes. Also, her wicked fast speed on a typewriter, (over 100 words per minute - no mistakes). Most importantly you would remember her love of God. She always had a Bible verse on one of her many bulleting boards, and a quick



quip to encourage you along the way. Speaking of the way - whenever we traveled 2 things always happened: church on Sunday, no matter where we were, and visiting family and friends from Oregon to Indiana, California to Canada. Never did we take the same route twice. To all of you were a part of Anita's Journey - thank you for each of you contributions. She has finished her Race - she is Home - "Well done."

Tom Saunders was born at home in Bakersfield, CA, on July 29, 1936, on his father's 39th birthday. His father Albert Victor Saunders, mother Bessie Mae (Larimer) Saunders, older sisters Jean Cook, Margaret Mears, brother, John Saunders, all predeceased. He is survived by wife Carol, sons Randy and Wes '78 (Vivian), grandchildren Amber, Jeremy, KC, Mary Joy, Thomas, Daniele Kennedy (Jake), three great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He graduated from East Bakersfield High School in June 1954. Tom and Carol dated their senior year in high school and married May 21, 1955, in Bakersfield. They were blessed with their first son, Randy in 1957, and in 1960 a second blessing, son Wes. After visiting relatives in Oregon, they felt this is where they would like to raise their family. Tom made a trip to Salem early spring of 1964, and his very first stop was at Court Street Christian Church. A day after returning to Bakersfield, he received a call from Meier and Frank with a job offer and could start immediately. He gave notice to his superior at Kern County Fire Department, took accumulated vacation and went to work at Meier and Frank in Salem in April 1964. He stayed with a cousin in Stayton until the family joined him in June. In August 1964, Tom began a long career with State Farm Insurance and truly enjoyed his job. He began as an office auto claims adjuster and was promoted and advanced to other positions with achievements along the way, including his determined self-study to receive a Bachelor of Law degree. He retired from State Farm on Sept. 30, 1998, as Regional Catastrophe Coordinator, encompassing Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and Hawaii. An avid fast-pitch softball player, he had a full trophy case to show for it. He spent summers full of games and tournaments in the northwest. With retirement living in Salemtowne, he played pickleball and became a little more serious about golf. He was proud to have driven the second longest hole (No. 7), but another day it took his fifth drive to clear the pond on No. 9. Tom enjoyed lunching or movies with Salemtowne friends. Tom and Carol made trips with close friends. Tom fished in Alaska, moose hunting trip in Canada and hunting in Oregon. Tom loved his Lord Jesus Christ. He made an effort to read his Bible daily. We know he is with Jesus Christ now, and relieved of the health issues he had dealt with these past few years. A special thank you to the ICU/CVCU doctors and nurses for the kind and compassionate care at Salem Hospital during Tom's short hospitalization. Tom served on the Salem Academy Board of Trustees from '77-'83 and participated in many facilities projects at what would become the current Salem Academy campus. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Court Street Christian Church, 1699 Court St. N.E. or Salem Academy Christian Schools, 942 Lancaster Dr. NE.



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