

Nehemiah Project teen revival will be Oct. 25-26 in Salem

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Even young folks see people their age struggling in today's society.

That's what led to the Salem Church of God organizing a teen revival later this month.

The Nehemiah Project will be Oct. 25-26 at Salem Assembly of God.

The event got its name because Nehemiah was living in the kingdom and thought everything was great. He was a cupbearer and everything was going great.

Someone brought it to his attention how bad things were and he decided to do something to make a change.

That's what happened with the youth revival.

A member of the Salem Church of God youth group went to youth Pastor Adam Livingston about the need of people her age to be connected to Christ.

The idea of a revival was born. Livingston had plans of acquiring the band Building Nations, but quickly found out a band who has been signed by a major label was out of the price range.

He was discouraged, but ready to forge ahead with smaller scale plans of a revival with a local band.

Members of his youth group encouraged him to pray and wait in faith for God to come through with the money. Over the course of the next 48 hours, they saw God begin to move.

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Livingston said the next day he asked his boss about sponsoring some T-shirts for the smaller revival.

“I was thinking about \$300 for the T-shirts, “ Livingston said. “I told my boss about the band and the cost and he told me if we have the revival, he would pay for it.

“So, within 24 hours I went from having zero money to do this revival to having more than enough to get the T-shirts, posters and a major band.”

God didn't stop there. Excited to share the news and ask for prayer, Livingston called the Church of God's Corporate Chaplain.

The chaplain not only prayed, but offered the services of major Christian recording artist Todd Agnew.

“We went from not having anything to this big two-day revival within 48 hours,” Livingston said. “I think what God needed was for us to say that we were going to be faithful and pray and trust that he would be faithful and move on it. He did and when he opened those doors, the blessings started coming.”

Livingston said if he could sum up the revival in one sentence it would be “Kids coming together to help be part of the solution and not part of the problem.”

He said the target group is middle and high school students.

Livingston will be the guest speaker on Friday and then on Saturday, in addition to singing, Agnew will share a message.

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Oct. 25 and 26, doors open at 6 p.m. and the concerts will start at 7 both nights.

Those who attend Friday night, will get an early-bird pass for Saturday, which will give students first dibs on better seating.

“We wanted to be able to bless those who came both nights,” he said.

Admission both nights is free, but those attending are encouraged to bring canned goods for the Washington County Food Bank.

“Our goal is to jam pack the selves of the food bank for the Thanksgiving holiday,” Livingston said.

All are encouraged to bring a Bible.

Livingston said He thanks God above anyone, but also thanks Independent Stave Company, True Love Ministries and the Salem Assembly of God.

“We ended up having the revival at the Salem Assembly of God, because the amount of people we expect our church was not big enough,” Livingston said. “Pastor Jeff Clem got right on board and said whatever we want was ours.

“God put everything in line for this.”

While the idea for this event was born at a Church of God and will take place at an Assembly of God church, Livingston said this is a non-denominational event.

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“It’s not about the name on the door or the name out front,” he said. “It’s about bringing kids to know Jesus and His saving grace for them and his amazing love for them.”