

Free clinic expands hours

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The Salem Free Medical Clinic will now offer clinics every Saturday of the month through its two locations.

And as of March 8, the free clinic also will operate in the mornings on the second Mondays of each month.

The expansion of days is because of the addition of five new medical providers who are volunteering their services and expertise, said Todd Gould, one of the clinic's directors and a pastor at West Salem Foursquare Church.

"It's a very exciting season as we have providers that are signing up," he said.

The clinic's northeast Salem location, at the Jim Ramsey II Community Center at 3850 Portland Road NE, will offer morning and afternoon clinics on the first, third and fourth Saturdays of each month, as well as any fifth Saturdays, Gould said.

The South Salem location at Trinity Covenant Church offers morning and afternoon clinics on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Adding the days means the Salem Free Medical Clinic has nearly tripled its service, which is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, Gould said.

The Portland Road location, the clinic's first permanent facility, opened in October.

Before, the clinic was a makeshift setup run in the gymnasium at Walker Middle School.

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Kevin Parker has his retina checked by Dr. Andy Harris at Trinity Covenant Church in South Salem last week as part of the Salem Free Medical Clinic.

Salem Free Medical Clinic

Treatment is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no appointments.

Address: 3850 Portland Road NE

Hours: Morning and afternoon, first, third and fourth Saturdays of each month. Second Mondays of each month beginning March 8.

Phone: (503) 990-8772

Trinity Covenant Church

Address: 5020 Liberty Road S

Hours: The clinic is open the second Saturday of each month. Doors open at 8 a.m. and close about noon.

Phone: (503) 581-5675.