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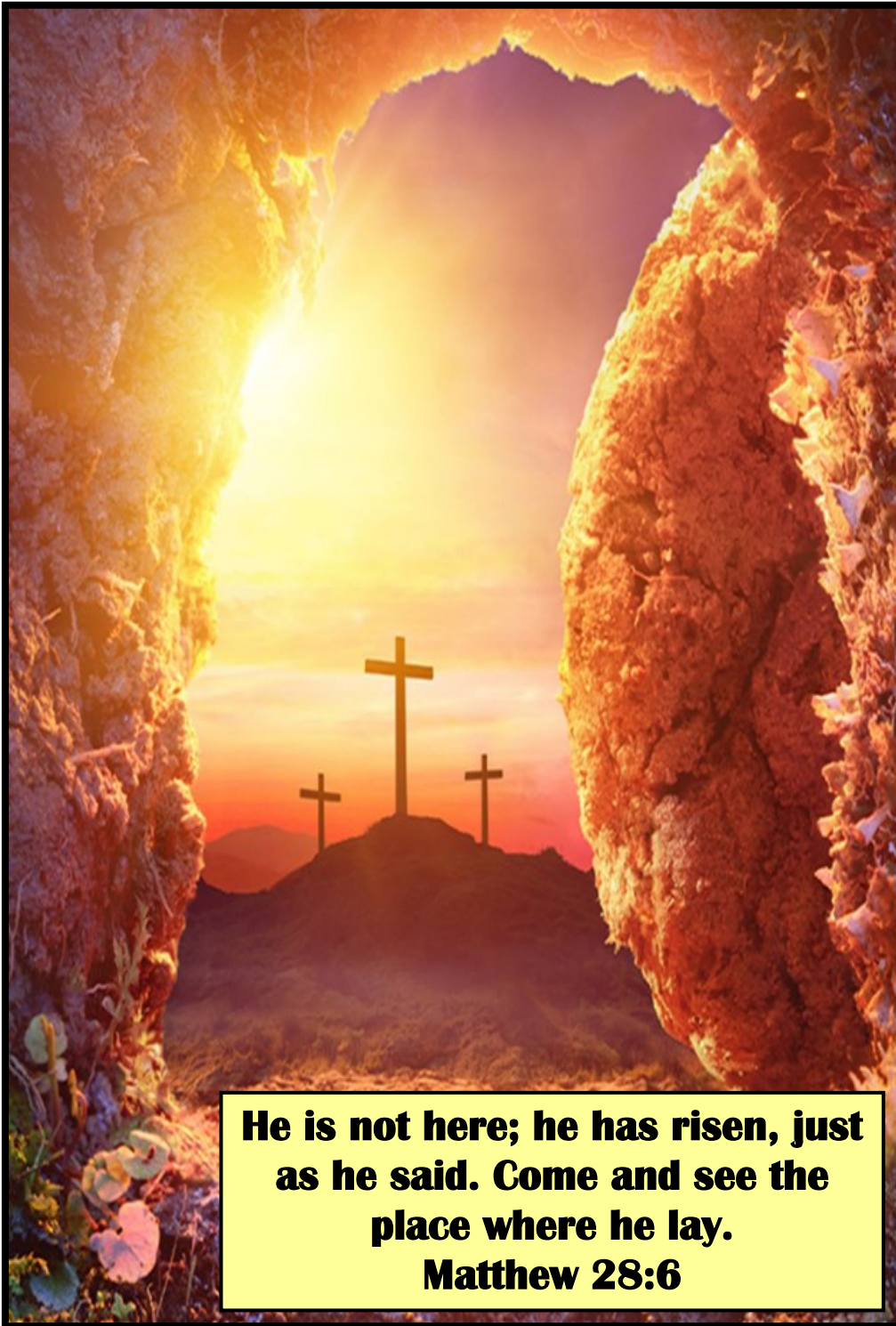
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**He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
Matthew 28:6**

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SALEM FIRST BAPTIST



Pastor Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church Family,

Twenty years ago, or so, the Chrysler Corporation introduced a new car. The advertisements for the new car heralded all the advancements and improvements this new car line had over previous automobiles and over competitors. After a couple of minutes of speaking about all that this car could do, the announcer ended with this tagline: “This changes everything!”

It’s that line that prompted my thinking. Of course, a car, no matter how advanced, changes everything. But is there anything that does change everything? Well, yes.

Each year the faithful Israeli would travel to Jerusalem to observe Passover. He, and maybe his family, would either bring a spotless lamb or buy one so that they could participate in Passover. Passover, you remember, commemorates God’s deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt. The people, through Moses, were instructed on what to do before the tenth plague happened. They were to place the blood of the Passover Lamb on the door posts and when the judgement of the Death Angel occurred that night, when he saw the blood, he would passover that home and thus spare the life of the firstborn.

Jesus entered Jerusalem on April 6, AD 33 in the event we call Palm Sunday. This Sunday was also lamb selection Sunday when the head of the family secured a lamb that would be with his family and would later that week be sacrificed on Passover. This ritual was to call to mind God’s protection from His judgement on sin. Hence, Jesus presented Himself as the Messiah (the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, John 1:29) on that Sunday. Later that week He would be offered as the sacrifice for sin. He would bear in His own body the just punishment for the sins of others (yours and mine). In other words, Jesus experienced the full wrath of God against human sin—the one without sin became sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. When you consider eternity, and the here-and-now, this does change everything. No longer are we estranged from God, no longer are we captive to sin, no longer are we under the penalty of death (the soul that sins dies). In Jesus we have life and freedom and in Him we enjoy God’s grace. “He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done. . . being justified by His grace” (Titus 3:4,5,7).

This month we celebrate Easter (Resurrection Sunday). The writer of the book of Hebrews assures us that Jesus’ sacrifice for us indeed is accepted by God the Father because He raised Jesus from the dead. “This changed everything!” Jesus states in Luke:

⁴⁶ “He also said to them, ‘This is what is written: The Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.’”

Do you agree that this changes everything?

Grace and peace,

Andy

Associate Pastor Christopher Spenner

As the weather begins to warm outside many people are looking forward to leaving their homes and doing all sorts of outside activities. Our bodies are made to move and be active and when we spend enough time sitting around things start to go wrong. Winter is often a time where we do not want to be as active outside and when we get back to spring we must relearn the habits we may have lost over the winter. Being active also applies to our spiritual lives. We cannot afford to be passive in our service to God.

One focus in our youth ministry right now is to go out and serve our community. We have realized we are doing very well in our teaching but we need to get out and be involved in actively spreading the Gospel and the love of Jesus to those around us who are unchurched. Service is the easiest way to get active. Find a local ministry that needs volunteers or look for needs in the area to get started. Then, pray about how God would use you in that work.

It is important not just to be active in our local community but also among our own church family. There are so many areas to get involved in and many of them require absolutely no experience whatsoever. Getting involved with Vacation Bible School, nursery, or even church meals are easy ways to help. This not only is good for your own soul but it encourages others around you who may be nervous about getting involved. The church works best when everyone is working to help it grow.

The Bible refers to our spiritual lives as a war we are constantly fighting against our enemy. I think a comparison can be made today to a sporting event. If you look at the recent Super Bowl, the crowds both at the event and watching the event via their tvs or phones were immense. However, no one in the crowd was necessary to the actual game being played. If the stadium was completely empty the game still could have been played and a final score could have been determined. Many today in Christianity view their faith in a similar way. They see themselves as cheering on those who are doing the good work for God but if they were removed from the church, nothing would fundamentally change. Christianity is not a spectator sport. It is indeed a war where everyone must be involved in taking the fight to the enemy.

This month, pray about how God might get you involved in doing ministry in His church. If you are already involved, pray about people that God might lead you to in order to encourage them to get involved as well. Is there someone who knows how to do what you do in the church? Take time to teach someone else so they can then “teach others also” as Paul encourages Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2. God has great plans for this church, we must simply align ourselves with His desires and get active.

Women on Mission/Library

Since the weather is unpredictable this time of year, we will not have our monthly meeting in March. However, we will still be ministering to others through cards, meals and personal needs.

We will continue to collect items for Operation Christmas Child each month through September. The items requested for the month of March are shirts, tops, pants, and underwear for girls and boys ages 2-4, 5-9 and 10-13.

Just a reminder that we need to be praying for our Easter Offering which will be for Church Planting in Illinois. Our goal this year is \$5,000.

Blessings,

Karen



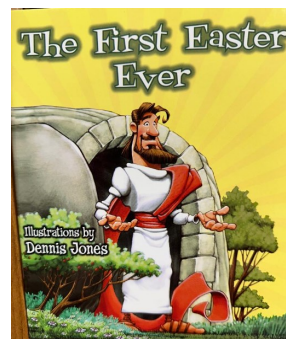
Women on Mission
Growing Closer To Christ

LOVE (answers in bold)

1. Who said: "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee," and yet had denied His Lord three times not long before? (**Peter John 21:15**)
2. What is the most famous example in the Bible of love between two men? (**David & Jonathon 1 Samuel 18:1**)
3. What is the most famous example in the Bible of love between two women? (**Ruth & Naomi Ruth 1:2**)
4. Who was known as the disciple whom Jesus loved? (**John John 19:26**)
5. Samson lost his life for the love of a woman. Who was she? (**Deiliah Judges 16:4**)
6. What is the most famous love text in the Bible? (**John 3:16**)
7. Who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"? (**Jesus John 15:13**)
8. What woman had an only son whom she loved dearly, yet gave him up to be reared in the temple for God's service? (**Hannah I Samuel 1:28**)
9. Finish this text: "If ye love me..." (**Keep my commandments John 14:15**)
10. Which patriarch had a dearly loved son in his old age, and yet was willing to offer him up as a sacrifice when he thought God wished it? (**Abraham Genesis 22:2**)

Happy Resurrection Day,
Dina

P.S. During the month of March there will be a Children's book giveaway in the library.



Announcements/Poems

THE SAVING GRACE OF GOD

*By the saving grace of God—
I have stood where angels have never trod.
I have walked to paths of darkness,
Only to learn of the glory of the Lord.
He has shown me the path of light,
Only through his precious sight.
By His grace, I have made things right,
For in Him, I see His precious light.*

Carrie Braden

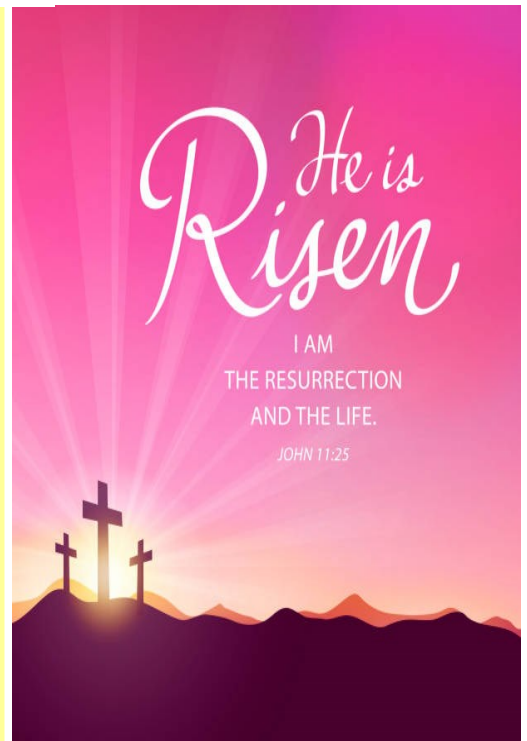
MY EYES ON YOU

**My Eyes On You, Lord
Steadfast In Your Ways
Fix My Eyes On You
A Loving Constant Gaze
How Difficult It Is,
You Know,
To Live Above
The World's Standards
Yet, You Give Me Strength
In All Circumstances
As I Whisper Your Name
My Eyes On You, Lord
Prayerfully Seeing
With The Eyes Of My Heart
Bev Smith**



March 2024

Date	Verses	Date	Verses
<input type="checkbox"/> 03/01/24	Deuteronomy 8-10	<input type="checkbox"/> 03/17/24	Judges 1-2
<input type="checkbox"/> 03/02/24	Deuteronomy 11-13	<input type="checkbox"/> 03/18/24	Judges 3-5
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DATE	GREETER	ON CALL	SECURITY
March 03	Tom Reed	Greg Strother	Dale Helpingstine
March 10	Ronnie Donoho	Steve Smith	Myron Lloyd
March 17	Rick Meador	Gerald Purcell	Dallas Bundy
March 24	Steve Smith	Rick Meador	Mike Pugh
March 31	Gary Watson	Myron Lloyd	Jon Wieldt



DATE	TEACHER	LESSONS
March 03	Deanna Buerster	Crayons - Purple
March 10	Deanna Buerster	Crayons - Gray
March 17	Deanna Buerster	Crayons - Brown
March 24	Deanna Buerster	Crayons - Green
March 31		NOCC - Family Worshp

Nursery Volunteers
(Call the church office if you would like to serve)



March 03	Andrea Hays
March 10	Reha Lloyd
March 17	Annette Hardcastle
March 24	Sheri Peradotti
March 31	Janet Smith



DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
March 03	Mike & Angela Brooks	Kathy King
March 10	Mike & Angela Brooks	Lynette Wiedle
March 17	Mark Tabor	Judy Bundy
March 24	Ken Smith	Lynette Wiedle
March 31	Paula's Class	Lynette Wiedle

MANOR AT SALEM WOODS - 441 HOTZE RD, SALEM:
Faye Wood #204

Centralia Manor - 1910 E McCord St.
Barbara Phillips #103

Twin Willows—1600 N Broadway:
Donna Shoemaker

Odin Health and Rehab Center— 300 Green St.
Suzanne Pollard

Helia Health Care Center—1201 Hawthorn Rd.
Melody Webb

Heritage Woods—2049 E. McCord, Centralia
Carrie Braden



The deacon body is reading Pray and Go which encourages us to be Great Commission Christians. Satan tells us we don't have time, we might offend someone, we might be rejected, evangelism is not our gift, we pay the pastor to do those things, we will share Jesus through our love, but we all know Satan lies and tries to defeat us. We can't let him win!

We should be praying that we have a heart for reaching out to others. We should be praying for opportunities to share Jesus. We should be praying He helps us with managing our time to do the work He has called us to do. We should be praying to be encouragers of others and that we will have the right words to say when reaching out to share Jesus.

We should be praying that God gives our pastors strength as our leaders. We should be praying for Pastor Andy and Christopher to have a closer walk with God. We should be praying for their families and their protection.

The repetition of "we should be praying" says it all! Carmen had a song that I remember from way back. Satan's minions were reporting to him about the problems they were creating on Earth, but they were having problems themselves. Satan noted one by one their success in people's lives which his demons assured him are wreaking great havoc, so he asks them what their problem is then. The answer that was tying their hands to further advance his cause? THE PEOPLE ARE PRAYING!!! May we take note and daily remember 1 John 4:4 "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!" and stay on our knees praying, praying, praying!

Tom

VBS 2024
BREAKER ROCK BEACH
SAVE THE DATES!
JULY 7-11



**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2



March 03 . . . Bring a Friend
March 10. . . Wear Camo
NERF Game Night
March 17 . . . Wear Green
March 24 . . . Easter Fun Night
March 31 . . . No Club/Easter
Sundays 5:00 - 7:00PM
Come join the fun!

INTERNATIONAL
MISSION SUNDAY



MARCH

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
“Being the Church in Salem and to the nations”					1	2
3 4PM Church Council 5PM Awana	4 Prayer Meeting 6AM	5	6 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	7 Food Pantry Service Women's Inductive Bible Study 9AM or 6PM Fellowship luncheon 11:30	8	9
10 Leadership Team 4PM 5PM Awana	11	12	13 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal 7PM Deacon's Mtg.	14 Women's Inductive Bible Study 9AM or 6PM	15	16
17 5PM Awana	18	19	20 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	21 Food Pantry Service	22	23
24 5PM Awana 31 EASTER SUNDAY!	25	26	27 2 PM Manor @ Salem Woods 6PM Bible Study Youth Study Mission Journey Kids Praise Team Rehearsal	28	29	30

- Mary Kneemyer
- Verna Piper
- Jo Stallings
- Ron King
- Darren Smith
- Helen Jett
- Mackenzie Moheit
- Lilly Moheit
- Patricia Crippen
- Lynette Wiedle
- Gerald Purcell
- Sandy Hicks

- March 02
- March 07
- March 07
- March 08
- March 08
- March 12
- March 12
- March 16
- March 17
- March 18
- March 19
- March 21



March BIRTHDAYS

- Barbara Wells
- Steve Brubaker
- Melody Webb
- Rylan Chancellor
- George Kruse
- Susan Beasley
- Miranda Dennis
- Trinity Savin
- Eric Dennis
- Sharon Dennis
- Ivan Quandt
- Bethany Quandt

- March 22
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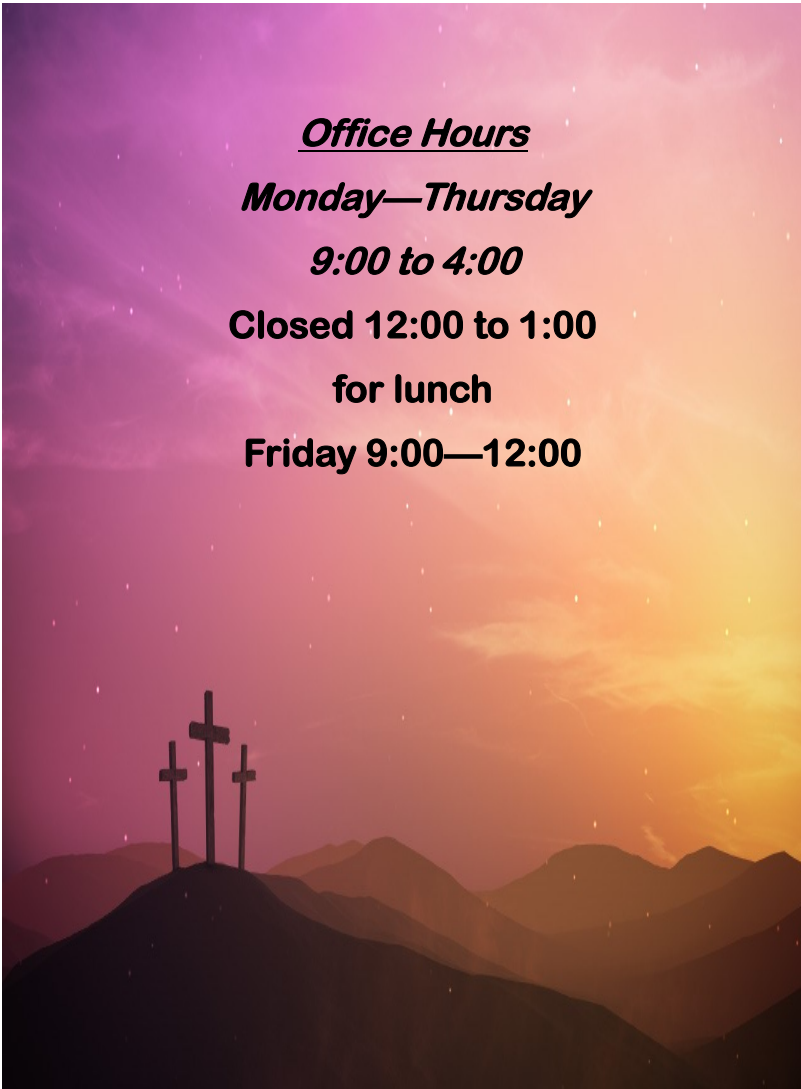
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Join Us . . .
Sundays
8:30 –9:20 AM
In the
Fellowship Hall
We serve bagels with
cream cheese, donuts,
fresh fruit, coffee, juice
and milk.

OUR VISION
“BEING THE CHURCH IN SALEM
TO THE NATIONS”



Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

9:00 to 4:00

Closed 12:00 to 1:00

for lunch

Friday 9:00—12:00

Wednesday Evening
5:30—6PM Media Center Open
6:00 PM Adult Bible Study
Youth Bible Study
Praise Team Rehearsal
Mission Journey Kids

Sunday Morning
8:30—9:20 AM Café Agape - Donuts & Coffee
9:00—9:30 AM Media Center Open
9:30 AM Life Groups for All Ages
10:45 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Awana Club