

Sunday: 2024-04-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jason & Danielle Lloyd)
3:00 PM Service for Dale Kuiesza at Bayliff Funeral Home
and meal at the Lions Club

Tuesday: 2024-04-23
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study at the Orchard Tree
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 2024-04-28
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Dave & Carla Breese)

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 PM.

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held at the Lion's Club, at noon, on Wednesday, April 24th. Come eat and bring a friend.

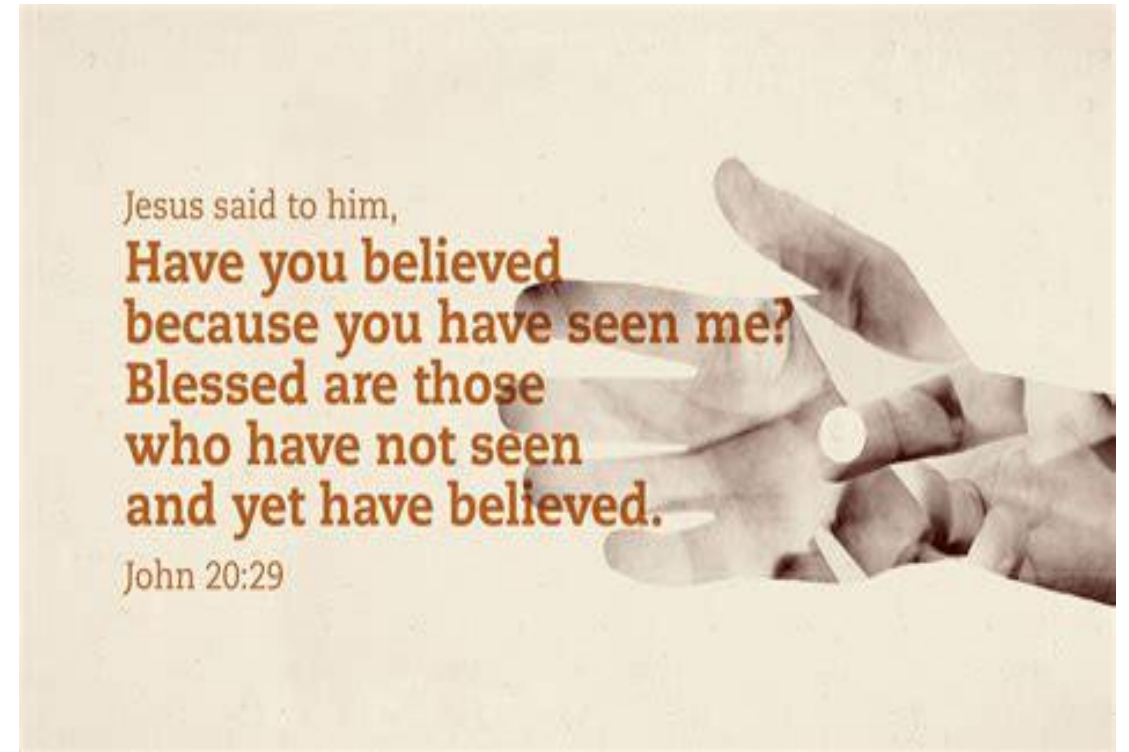
The next **Session Meeting** is at 10:45 on May 5th. **Mother's Day** is May 12th, and we will be recognizing Mothers. In May, we will be recognizing **Salem Graduates**. Please let us know of any graduates.

For the **May Sounds of Salem Newsletters**, please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

The family of James "Andy" Francis would like to say Thank you for all of your kindness, food, cards, and prayers during our loss of Andy. He loved his family, this town, and all of the people who touched his heart. Thank you again, Monica & Haylie Placke & Sophie & Colby and Alex, Alanna, & Aaron Frances, and Jason & Sarah Kimmet & family, and Tim & Julie Rickard & family, and finally, Marylin "Scarecrow" Foust

Upcoming Birthdays

22 nd Elgarda McGee	23 rd Grant Zielke	25 th Julia Morris(Moliter)
26 th Gwenda Blackmore	29 th Jenny Pugh	30 th Ruth Evans



John 20: 19-31

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TEACHING POINTS

First. It is "OK" to have doubts about your faith.

Second. Many people struggle with the relationship between science and faith.

Third. We walk by faith, not knowledge.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Have we not all known friends who insisted on solid proof that answered all doubts? Some great souls, even saints, have been born out of times of the skepticism of struggling with their faith. Read the autobiographies and biographies of those in church history. Well, how about you and me? If we believe in Christ, honestly believe in Him, and turn over to Him all our cares and concerns, we can have a new life, new hope, and new confidence. He is the Lord of our lives. He is the One sent from God to transform our world and to transform our lives. Why not believe in Him and have the promised experience that is more than abundant in following Him?

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