

Announcements:

A one-hour Adult Sunday School class based on the book, **Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money**, meets in the back room at 10:45 am.

Teens for Christ Area churches are having Teens for Christ meet each Tuesday night at 7 PM at the Nazarene Church in Spencerville. It offers Christ-centered Bible study, skits, games, food and fun. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Tom.

Please contact Pastor or Carol for your secretarial needs until a new **secretary** is hired. Interviews are in process.

PCUSA Yearly per capita is due. This year, it is \$30 per person. Please mark your name on the envelope or check and who it is for. Thank you.

V-FIT is an exercise class happening right here at Salem Church on **Thursdays** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. We had several ladies this week ages 16-69. It's open to both ladies and gents of all ages. Bring your water bottle and \$1 donation and prepare to have fun and get fit!

Lenten Services are beginning February 26th at 7:00pm. Eight churches from the surrounding area will share their pulpits with each other every Sunday evening throughout Lent. We will host the first service. There will be refreshments afterwards.

St. David's Day is March 5th. A special celebration is planned for that day so please plan to attend. You won't want to miss it!

Birthdays:

19 Corey Hobbs
21 Paul Price
23 Alice Gamble
24 Tim Price
25 Bill McGee

Condolences:

Shana Fryer and family on the passing of her mother

Friends and family of Karen Payne

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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adam (diabetic issues)
Violet Ashton
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Marjorie Eutsler (Kidney Stones - surgery)
Doris Evans(cancer)
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Betty Lloyd
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Joyce Profit (heart issues)
Chris Reichert (health issues)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Martha Walker (recovering from heart attack)
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)
Ian (brain cancer)
Daniel Cruse (lymphoma cancer)
Simon Ibell (deadly birth condition)
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Kyle Mullenhour (successful kidney transplant – brother of Kory)
Nick Roxo's Family (house fire – neighbor of Evelyn Martz)
Nancy Lautzenhtiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Martin Family (house fire)

Serving our Country:

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)
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“Be Holy as I Am Holy” Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – We are to be as good as God by being holy.

Point Two – We are to be just in all our dealings.

Point Three – We are to be loving as God is a God of love.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

² “Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy (Leviticus 19:2 NLT).”

ACTION POINT

The words, “*I am the Lord your God!*” is the basis for all reverence - God's everlasting claim upon our lives. Without that sacred sense that all of life belongs to God, there will be no respect for persons, for property, or for justice in our society. The Ten Commandments gave us the grand design for human life envisioned by our Creator. The Commandments become God's guideline for how a society can live in mutual respect. Yet, there is a deeper demand upon us said by: “*And the Lord said to Moses, ‘Say to all the congregation of people of Israel, you shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy.’*” The Christian faith will be a powerful force if it were lived out with integrity and passion. Let us show our holiness to others by following his Commands.

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