



**Sunday:**

9:30 AM  
10:45 AM

**03-26-17**

Worship Service (nursery Eric & Jenny Pugh)  
Sunday School

**Announcements:**

**Sunday school** concludes Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University with the topic of mortgages and real estate today.

The **Converge Youth Conference** is at the Elida Fieldhouse Friday, March 31, at 6 PM and Sat. April 1st 9 AM – 11 PM. **Teens for Christ** continues to meet each Tuesday night at 7 PM at the Nazarene Church in Spencerville. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Tom. **Confirmation Class** will meet this Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

**V-FIT** is an exercise class happening right here at Salem Church on **Thursdays** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. It is 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** Eight churches from the surrounding area will share their pulpits with each other every Sunday throughout Lent.

March 19th at Kossuth Zion Methodist church w/Charles Johnson  
March 26th at Agape Fellowship Church w/David Howell

**Senior Luncheon is March 22 at noon.** They will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and playing Bingo. Bring a White Elephant gift and come enjoy the great food and join the fun!

**Upcoming Birthdays:**    20th- Johnathon Morris    20th- Brian Owens  
22nd-Toby Adkins        23rd-Johh Hoehn        23rd-Joyce Profit

**Upcoming Anniversaries:**    23rd- Dean & Nancy Swygart

**Liz Hobbs** is the new church secretary. Please call or text information to phone number 419-303-2032 if you want information added to the bulletin.



### **Prayer Concerns:**

Norma Adam (diabetic issues)  
Violet Ashton (broken leg)  
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)  
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)  
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)  
Sami Jones (shoulder surgery)  
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 Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)  
Martin Family (house fire - family in Spencerville)

### **Serving our Country:**

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“*The LORD Is Among Us*” *Exodus 17:1-7*  
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March 19, 2017

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#### TEACHING POINTS

*Point One – Many times we question if the Lord is among us or not.* When sickness, death, forest fires, divorce, floods, and tornadoes invade and disrupt our lives, we wonder where God is in all of this.

*Point Two – God always hears us.*

*Point Three – God delivers when we are obedient.*

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

*“Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink” (Exodus 17:6 NLT).*

#### ACTION POINT

Free gushing water is grace. It is a sign of the soul of God that brings doom and deadness to life, and to a joyless fledgling nation, it changes discontent and grumbling into fulfillment. And so, it is most important for us to acknowledge God in our lives. God is always with us and always before us. But the benefit of God's presence is not maximized unless and until we acknowledge that existence. Israel received a special sign of God's covenant love. He gave them water, food, and moral commandments in the wilderness. Today, Jesus still feeds us with his Word. He gives the water of life. Are you thirsty? Why not reach out to God? The Lord is among us!

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