

Sunday: **02-25-18**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)
10:45 AM Sunday School
7:00 PM Lenten Pulpit exchange at Agape Fellowship Church

Tuesday: **02-27 -18**
7:00 PM Teens for Christ (Spencerville)

Sunday: **03-04-18**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
10:45 AM Celebrate St. David's Day
7:00 PM Sunday School
Lenten exchange at Salem, reception following service

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School topic is a discussion of the world acclaimed Alpha Class. We will openly discuss our own questions and doubts about God and our own faith.

The **Teens for Christ** of youth from area churches meets on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Spencerville Nazarene Church. If you need a ride, call Pastor Tom to carpool.

This year, we are continuing the **Lenten Season Pulpit Exchange** of Spencerville area churches. Pastor Tom will present at 7 pm, tonight, **February 25th**, at Agape Fellowship Church at 9250 Armstrong Rd. in Spencerville, Ohio (just off 117). We are hosting at Salem Rev. Jim Fletcher, of First Baptist Church, on **March 4th** with a light meal reception to follow.

St. David's Day will be celebrated next Sunday; the reception will be in the evening with the pulpit exchange.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the March newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

25th-Bill McGee 27th-Kevin Fair 28th-Jean Owens
March 2nd-Marilyn Strickler



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TEACHING POINTS

First. Abraham believed and obeyed God.

Second. Abraham was courageous and generous because of his faith in God.

Third. Abraham knew that God offered a deep loving relationship.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

Then God said to Abraham, "Your responsibility is to obey the terms of the covenant. You and all your descendants have this continual responsibility (Genesis 17:9 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Will you be able to demonstrate Abraham's kind of faith? God will someday ask you to put everything on the line for Him, after all, He first gave it all to you. What will you do when you face the severe trial when God asks for what you love most - your prosperity, your health, your inspiration, or your child of promise? How much are you willing to give up, to let go, and to surrender? Will you believe that "*Yahweh-Jireh; the Lord will provide*"? If not, then talk to God about what you have made an idol in your life. Why not relinquish all you have to God as Abraham did, and take in the blessings of the loving journey with the *Yahweh-Jireh* God.

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