



**Sunday:** 01-13-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)  
Install Officers  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 01-15-2019  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Thursday:** 01-17-2019  
6:30 PM Music Committee Meeting

**Sunday:** 01-20-2019  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)  
Annual Reports are due to auditors  
10:45 AM Sunday School

### Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, January 15, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The 2019 **Flower chart** is in the vestibule. Please sign up.

**Annual church reports** are due to the auditors on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the February newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc) or [PastorTomEmery@live.com](mailto:PastorTomEmery@live.com).

### Upcoming Birthdays

16<sup>th</sup>-Rob Breese

16<sup>th</sup>-Liz Hobbs



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Peggy Burnett  
Jackie Coalson (COPD)  
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
Mark Davis  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)  
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Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)  
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Jan Jones (health Issues)  
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Dawson Kimmit & Kale (nightmares)  
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### **TEACHING POINTS**

*POINT ONE – The Lord has named and claimed us as His adopted children.*

*POINT TWO – Baptism is a beautiful, tender picture of what election is all about.*

*POINT THREE – We must learn to draw comfort and strength from our baptism.*

### **THIS WEEK’S KEY PASSAGE**

*But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine (Isaiah 43:1 NLT).*

### **ACTION POINT**

The exilic journey of Israel is a paradigm of the physical and spiritual baptismal journey of the Christian. It begins in exile, in bondage to sin, in helplessness. Like the Israelites, we live in a foreign land under the rule of foreign powers. Like some of the Israelites, we have made our home in “Babylon,” opened shop, hung out a shingle, and become a part of the empire. We are deserving of God's wrath. We have become enemies of God. We need to look honestly at our situation. We need to acknowledge our sinfulness. We need to follow Christ's call upon us.

Our whole life, then, is a renewal of our baptism. It is also a growing into our baptism. It is a becoming what we already are, by baptism — our journey out of exile and into the Promised Land. It is challenging the principalities, speaking truth to power, and living by God's resources alone. It is the way to life and freedom, but it is scary. If we remember our baptism, however, we will have the assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”

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