Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 31, 2019, 4th Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery	(Drganist: LaDonna Al	lenbaugh
Prelude & Lighting the Candle	es		
Pastoral Welcome			
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 32		496
* <u>Hymn</u>	Have Thine O	wn Way, Lord!	388

Lent Play & Prayer

*Prayer of Confession O God, when we keep silence about our sin, we waste away with regret and guilt. We feel Your hand upon us, and our strength dries up. And so, we acknowledge our sin to You. We are holding nothing back. You are a hiding place for us. We trust in You to preserve us. Forgive us and reclaim us. We pray in Christ's Name. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession).

*Assurance of Pardon

* <u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
<u>Joys & Concerns of the</u> Prayers of the People		
<u>Prayer Response</u>	The Lord's Prayer	
Scripture Readings	*Joshua 5:9-12 Luke 15:11b-32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	195 953 1053

Special Music

LaDonna Allenbaugh

Time for Children

* <u>Hymn:</u>	Take My Life and Let It Be	393
Sermon	Healing and a New Start	Rev. Thomas Emery

*Apostle's Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory – ushers will rec * <u>Response</u>	eive our tithes o Praise Go	•	Inside Front Cover
*Prayer of Dedication			
* <u>Hymn:</u>	I Surrender All		394
*Taking the Light into the World			
*Charge and Benediction *Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover			
*Those who can are invited to stand.			
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Sunday:	03-31-2019 4th Sunday in Lent
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday:	<u>04-2-2019</u>
7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Sunday:	04-07-2019 5th Sunday in Lent
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)

Sunday School

# Announcements:

10:45 AM

Today's Adult Bible Study will explore the "**American Gospel: Christ Alone**." The Gospel has been coopted into Christ plus +works, +health, +wealth, and +miracles. The study will help you know how the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ has been distorted in America and how-to re-center your faith on Christ.

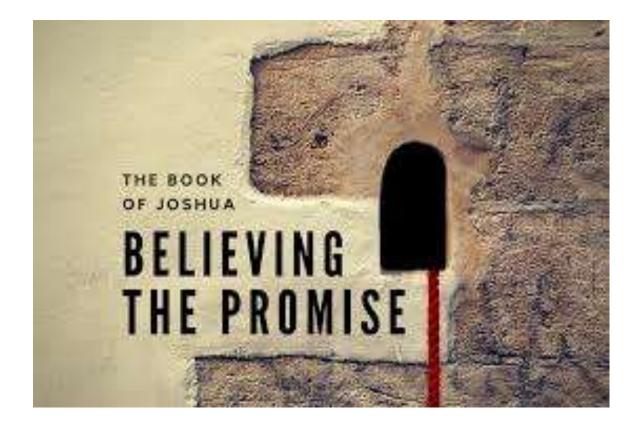
The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, April 2, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

Dave and Jean Owens would like to **thank** everyone for their prayers, beautiful sympathy cards, expressions of love and concern in the loss of our dear Kim. We will always miss her but we are glad her suffering is over and she is in heaven.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the April newsletter. Submit them to <u>secretary@salemchurch.cc</u> or <u>PastorTomEmery@live.com</u>.

# Upcoming Birthdays

Apr 2nd-Lyndi Forsythe 8th-Andy Breese 6th-Carol Emery 12th-MaKenna Kimmet



# Joshua at Gilgal

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**POINT THREE – Our Future Will Be Bright in The Lord!** 

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