

Sunday: 02-21-21 – First Sunday of Lent
9:30 AM Worship and Communion
(nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell)
10:35 AM Zoom Coffee Hour Introduction
1:00 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 02-23-21
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 02-28-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)
10:35 AM Zoom Coffee Hour

Announcements:

We will be having **Communion** today. The **Session Meeting** is at 1 PM today.

There are **Lenten devotional booklets** at the back of the church.

We will introduce a **Salem Zoom Coffee Hour** this Sunday and ongoing after the Services to include more church members for the Lenten Season. Please join us then for refreshments. The directions to join Zoom are found in the insert.

March 8th is the celebration of **St. David's Day**. We will have a reception in the Prayer Room following the service.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

21 st Paul Price	24 th Tim Price	25 th Bill McGee
27 th Kevin Fair	28 th Jean Owens	

Upcoming Anniversaries

22nd Dave & Ann Reese



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Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Rosemary Cooper
Asher Eberle
Marjorie Eutsler
Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kieszka (leg operation)
Danny King
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
LuAnn (family issues)
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd
Donald Martin
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TEACHING POINTS

First. We should live for the life to come.

Second. We have a life to live.

Third. We should live in the face of death.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

¹¹As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven (2 Kings 2:11 NLT).

ACTION POINT

In conducting his duties, Elijah had no fear of death, and when his time had ended, God received him into heaven without dying. He reappears later in scripture on the Mount of Transfiguration and in the Book of Revelation as one of the two Chapter 11 prophets calling for repentance before God’s coming judgment. The chariot event was a preview of the later resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus ascended to heaven with His body and soul, so we believers will also be raised as promised by Christ: “*I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life*” (John 6:47 NLT). The prophet’s cloak was not merely a piece of clothing, but it was also a symbol of a prophetic task still to be completed by Elisha. We, too as followers of Christ, also have a mission to do for God during our lives; that mission is to live as Christ followers and to tell the world about Jesus’ free offer of eternal life.

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