

Sunday: 03-21-21
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 03-23-21
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 03-28-21 Palm Sunday and Baptisms
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)

Thursday 04-01-21 Maundy Thursday
 7:00 PM Informal reading of Scripture and Prayer in the Prayer Room

Sunday: 04-04-21 Easter
 9:00 AM Easter Skit and Flowering of the Cross
 9:30 AM Easter Service and Communion

Announcements:

Session will meet at 10:45 today.

The **Women's Bible Study** will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM through Lent.

On **Palm Sunday**, Morgan and Pete's baby girl, Audrey Lynn McCollow, and Brooke Coil and Jarrod Rigdon's baby girl, Rayna Rigdon, will be baptized during the service. Let us welcome them with God's blessings.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

22nd Toby Adkins 23rd Josh Hoehn
 28th Ron Richards 29th Bianca Richards



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Rosemary Cooper
Asher Eberle
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Nikki Ford (surgery & funds for surgery)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *We are mired in our sin and cannot fix our world.*

POINT TWO – *The New Covenant means that God’s law will not only be written on stone, but also on the hearts of God’s people (v. 33).*

POINT THREE – *In Christ, we have a close personal relationship with God.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

“But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people (Jeremiah 31:33 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Our fate does not hang on our self-restoration, but on the New Covenant that finds its ultimate fulfillment in what God has done alone in Christ Jesus. That means we do not have to keep reliving the same old reruns of our lives. God is not a cold-hearted judge, keeping score. No, He is like an attentive spouse who leads us into a deeper relationship. He plants something new and living deep within us so that we can become all that God wants us to be. Yes, we have a pattern of disappointing God. But God is a God who always reaches out to us. Why not also invite Christ into our hearts and begin a close relationship with God?

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