

Sunday: 02-18-2024
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Michael & Lindsay Breese*)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting

Tuesday: 02-20-2024
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study at the VW Hospital Cafeteria
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Thursday: 02-22-2024
 Noon Van Wert County Prayer Meeting at Good Shepherd Nazarene Church, 1145 W. Main St., in Van Wert.

Sunday: 02-25-2024
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)

Announcements:

St. David's Day will be celebrated on March 3rd, and it is requested to wear yellow during the service. A spaghetti lunch will be served following the service.

For our offering to the Salvation Army in February, they have requested **canned meat**.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

18 th Marylin Foust	18 th Dalton Ellerbrock	19 th Corey Hobbs
21 st Paul Price	24 th Tim Price	25 th Bill McGee

Upcoming Anniversaries

22nd Dave & Ann Rees



Genesis 17:1-16

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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, Jesus first gave it all for 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? This Lent, 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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