

Salem Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 10:45 AM

Church Officers 2015

Clerk of Session:	Carolyn Girod	Auditors:	John Smith
Financial Secretary:	Kim Coil		Johnathan Morris
Head Usher:	Kelly Lloyd	Treasurer:	Lisa Lloyd
Church Secretary:	Tamara Mullenhour	Organist:	LaDonna Allenbaugh

Session:	2015	2016	2017
	Charlie Good	Gwenda Blackmore	Jenny Pugh
	Stacia Profit	Kim Coil	Liz Hobbs
	Dave Rees	Rex Lloyd	Bob McCollow

Trustees:	2015	2016	2017
	Dan Lloyd	David Breese	Mark Zielke
	Tim Price	Bruce Eutsler	Jeff Coil
	Eric Pugh	Jason Lloyd	Todd Morris

Music Committee:	2015	2016	2017
	Lisa Lloyd	Carla Breese	Claudia LeValley
	Ann Rees	Jean Owens	Jayne Morris
	Bells: Kathy McCollow	Sr. Choir: Jan Jones	Jr. Choir: Jenny Pugh

Nominating Committee: Congregation: Kelly Lloyd, Joyce Profit
2 Session, 1 Trustee, 1 Youth, 1 Music Committee, 1 Women’s Assoc.

Women’s Association: Secretary: Jean Owens Co-Moderators: Ann Rees & Gloria Leiter
Treasurer: Doris Price

Sunday School: Superintendent: Paul Price Assist. Superintendent: Ron Richards
Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Lloyd

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“God Is In Control” – Jonah 3:1-5, 10
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Sunday, January 25, 2015

Jonah’s problem is that he didn’t want to do what God wanted him to do. God wanted Jonah to go preach to the people of Nineveh. But, Jonah didn't want to go, because they were such evil acting people. I understand that, don't you? There are things God wants me to do, and sometimes I have difficulty motivating myself to do them.

Some people say, "Oh, if I only knew what God's will is for my life then I would do what God wants." Sorry, but I doubt that is their real problem. Their real problem is motivating themselves to do the things they already know God wants them to do. God has asked us to go and make disciples of the world and to live out our obedient faith before others.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: *If God purposes something for you, you can’t outrun God.*

Teaching Point 2: *There is no getting away from the fact that God is the God of everyone.*

Teaching Point 3: *God is in control of everything.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

Then the LORD spoke to Jonah a second time: ²“Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you” (Jonah 3:1-2 NLT).

ACTION POINT

I can tell you right now if you are a married person, that God wants you to be a better husband or wife. If you have children, God wants you to be a better father or mother or grandparent. I can tell you without much distressing on my part, that God wants you to improve your witness in the community and at work. God wants you to share out of your abundance with others by tithes, offerings, and generously helping others. God wants you to be a vital part of the life of this church sharing your God-given gifts with others. Most of us already know God's will for us. The problem is surrendering ourselves to what God wants us to do.