

Sunday: **10-11-15** LINCONVIEW BIBLE BOARD
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Lizz Hobbs)
10:45 AM Sunday School
6:30 PM Trustee Meeting

Sunday: **10-18-15**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
10:45 AM Sunday School
2:00 PM Baby Shower
4:00 PM Session Meeting

Announcements:



You are invited to **Violet Ashton's 100th Birthday Party Open House** today, October 11, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Roselawn Manor in Spencerville. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending her a card!

A baby shower will be held for Tamara Mullenhour Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 pm at Salem Church in the backroom.

There is a **Trustee Meeting** today at 6:30 pm. Next week, **Session** will meet at 4:00 pm.

The **Women's Association** will hold their October meeting this Thursday at 9:30 am in the church basement.

The **Senior Luncheon** for this month is on Wednesday, October 28, at 12:00 pm at the Lion's Club.

If you are not receiving the **newsletter** by email it may be because your email is incorrect in our system or your address has changed. Please send a quick note to Tamara at secretary@salemchurch.cc to receive this month's newsletter.

The church will be updating an older church **cookbook** in the coming months. Please pass along your **favorite recipes** (with your name) by handing them to Carol or Tamara or by email, mail, or placing in her mailbox in the church office.

Birthdays This Week:

10/13 David Breese
10/13 Kayla Owens

10/14 Jason Kimmet
10/14 Zach Profit
10/17 Rosemary Strick

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Prayer Concerns:

Norma Adams (diabetic issues)
Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia)
Eric Fancher (chemotherapy – son of Rev. Jon & Mary Fancher)
Bev Hefner (aunt of Jenny Pugh)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Betty Lloyd (broken hip)
Eileen Lucier (cancer treatment)
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Jay Mollenkopf (cancer – nephew of Doris Price)
Evelyn Pugh
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Mike Rowland (diagnosed with brain tumor)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
John Smith (house lost to fire)
John Stutz
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren Summersett)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Steve West (son-in-law of Jeff & Marcia Pollock)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)
Bill Wisher (car wreck – father of Madison Pugh's coach)

Serving our Country:

Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)
Will Morrison (U.S. Army Reserves)

If you have a prayer request, please write it down and leave it in the offering plate or send an email to secretary@salemchurch.cc so that we can insert the prayer request with the correct spelling. Thank you!

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Dealing With Suffering” Hebrews 4:12-5:10
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Why do innocent people suffer? Many suffer grievously. Why? Our hearts break when we see little children stricken with awful diseases. Why do the elderly suffer? Some of you have seen one or both of your parents battle cancer or heart problems or Alzheimer's. Nothing they have done could ever merit such suffering. Of course, suffering doesn't have to be physical. Some of our deepest scars may never show on the surface.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point 1: *One very popular way of coping with suffering is to take it out on someone else.* You can be nasty with other people, because "misery loves company." If you are suffering, you try to make yourself feel better by making someone else feel worse.

Teaching Point 2: *Pain always occurs in life.* Even Christ could not avoid pain and complete His mission and neither can we.

Teaching Point 3: *Our suffering reminds us of our dependence on God.* At an early stage in our lives, we think that we are in total control of things. In our minds, we are captains of our destiny. But suddenly life deviates out of our control.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.”
(Hebrews 5:8 NLT)

ACTION POINT

Remember, as Jesus was nailed to a cross, His back was raw from beatings. Jesus must have yearned for a way to move, to change positions, or redistribute his weight. But he couldn't. He was paralyzed by the six inch nails. God had felt the exact piercing sensations that racked His body. Yet, it is comforting to turn to Christ, and to know there a God who has felt the full array of human emotions that we have. Maybe this is what the writer of Hebrews meant when he said that Christ learned obedience through suffering. Suffering is a great teacher. It teaches us compassion for others. It teaches us dependence on God. During our suffering, we can pray to a God who understands what we are going through!