

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 02, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery
Allenbaugh

Organist: LaDonna



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 130 562

*Hymn The Solid Rock 272

Prayer of Confession: You call us to be Your voice in this world, and we stay silent. **You call us to be Your hands in this world, and we keep them hidden.** You call us to be Your feet in this world, and we go our own way. **When we meet those who are doubting, and say nothing, forgive us.** When we meet those who need Your touch and do nothing, forgive us. **When we are called to take up Your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.** Breathe life into these bones bring freedom to these lives, that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that You are our Lord and our God. **In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.** (Take a moment of silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Special Music Adam Rohrbaugh

Scripture Readings Ezekiel 37:1-14 791
Romans 8:6-11 1029

Time for Children

*Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See 163

Sermon "Dry Bones to Life" Rev. Thomas Emery

*Apostle's Creed: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory – *ushers will receive our tithes and offerings*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn Ebenezer Welsh 11

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$1,934.00	Needed to Date:	\$25,142.00
Rec'd 03-26-17:	\$3,850.53	Rec'd to Date:	\$23,910.08

Sunday: **04-02-17**
9:30 AM Worship Service (nursery Rex & Lisa Lloyd))
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 7:00 PM	<u>04-04-17</u> Teens for Christ
Wednesday: 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	<u>04-05-17</u> Confirmation Class V-FIT
Sunday: 9:30 AM	<u>04-09-17</u> Worship Service (<i>nursery Tuzz & Liz Hobbs</i>) Confirmation class joins church One Great Hour of Sharing
10:30 AM 5:00 PM	Session Meeting Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Sunday school will study the “Death and the Resurrection of the Messiah” through dynamic videos of Israel sights and sounds.

Teens for Christ continues to meet each Tuesday night at 7 PM at the Nazarene Church in Spencerville. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Tom.

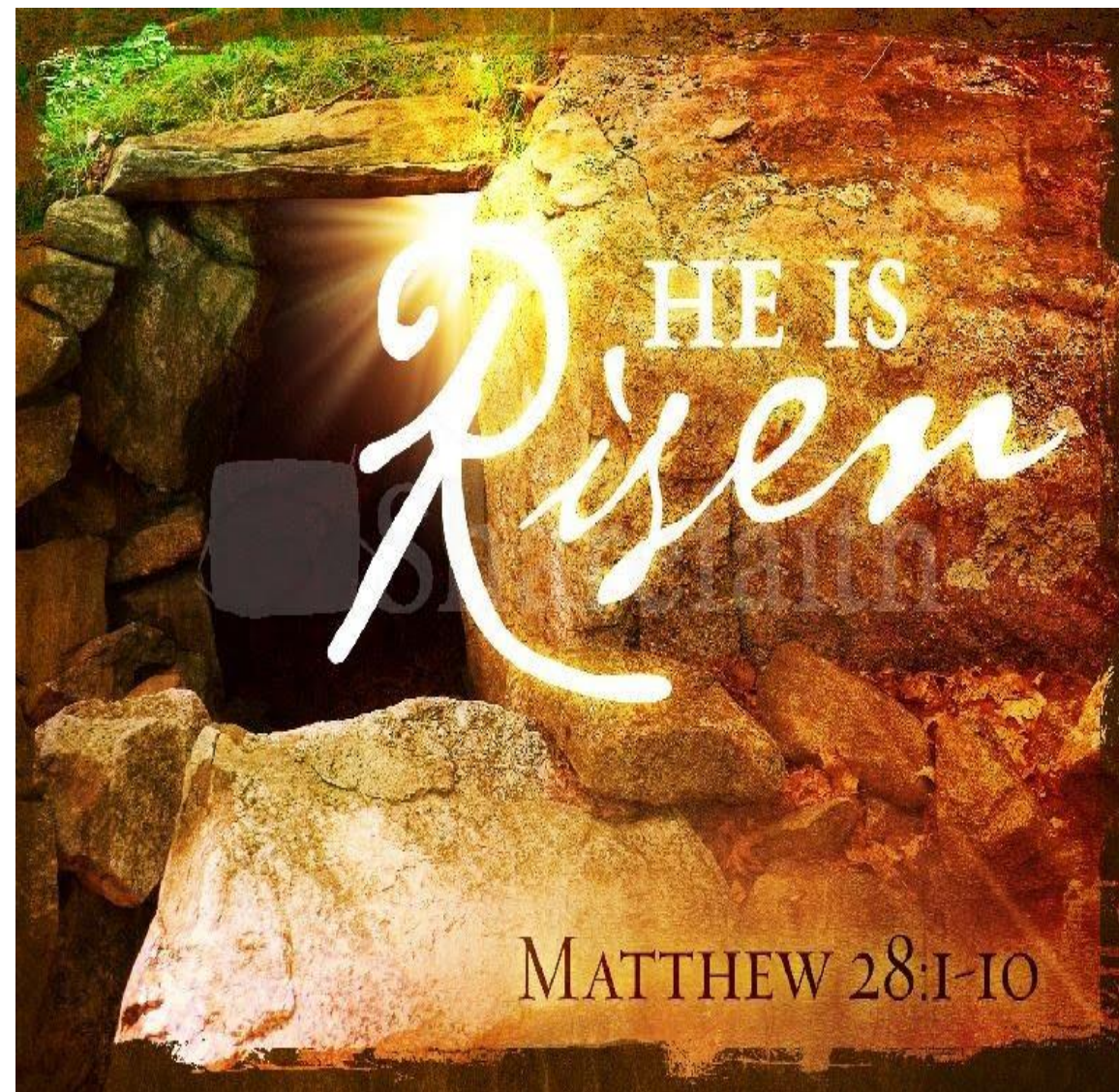
V-FIT is an exercise class happening right here at Salem Church on **Thursdays** from 6:30–7:30 pm. It is open to both ladies and gents- all ages.

Lenten Services Eight churches from the surrounding area will share their pulpits with each other every Sunday throughout Lent.

- April 2nd at Spencerville Friends Church w/ Tom Emery
- April 9th at Spencerville Nazarene Church w/Jim Fletcher
- April 14th at First Baptist Church w/Andrew Adkins

<u>Upcoming Birthdays:</u>	2 nd - Lyndi (Breese) Forfythe	6 th - Carol Emery
8 th -Andy Breese	12 th -MaKenna Kimmet	13 th -Sami Jones

Liz Hobbs is the new church secretary. Please call or text information to phone number 419-303-2032 if you want information added to the bulletin.



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Violet Ashton (broken leg)
Arlene Barrientos (Alzheimer's & foot surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Alice Gamble
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Sami Jones (shoulder surgery)
Betty Lloyd
Byron Mohr (recovering from bowel hospitalization)
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Joyce Profit (heart issues)
Chris Reichert (health issues)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Martha Walker (recovering from heart attack)
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)
Simon Ibell (deadly birth condition)
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Nick Roxo's Family (house fire – neighbor of Evelyn Martz)
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Serving our Country:

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TEACHING POINTS

Point One – The circumstances of death around us are real.

Point Two – There is hope in a hopeless world.

Point Three – Refocus your thoughts in the right direction.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

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ACTION POINT

Some of us have become dead spiritually, cut off from all awareness of anything beyond ourselves. We are living day to day in what philosophical writers call “*lives of quiet desperation*.” Any thought of a spiritual realm or of anything having to do with God is beyond our comprehension. God promises us that beyond the valley of death in which all peoples will be captive, there is a shining realm of hope that is known as the Kingdom of God. It is where death shall be no more and sorrow and pain have passed away. Further, we can taste that future life as you live today in fellowship with God. As God's kingdom comes, dry bones will live again today, and God will be our all in all, for all eternity.

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