



**Sunday:** 04-09-17  
9:30 AM Worship Service (nursery Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)  
10:45 AM Confirmation class joins, One Great Hour of Sharing  
5:00 PM Session Meeting (No Sunday School)  
Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 04-11-17  
7:00 PM Teens for Christ

**Thursday:** 04-13-17  
6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Meal  
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service & Communion

**Sunday:** 04-16-17  
7:30 AM Sunrise Service & breakfast  
9:30 AM Worship Service (nursery available, not staffed)  
10:45 AM Sunday School

**Announcements:**

**Teens for Christ** continue 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. No V-fit this week due to Maundy Thursday service.

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

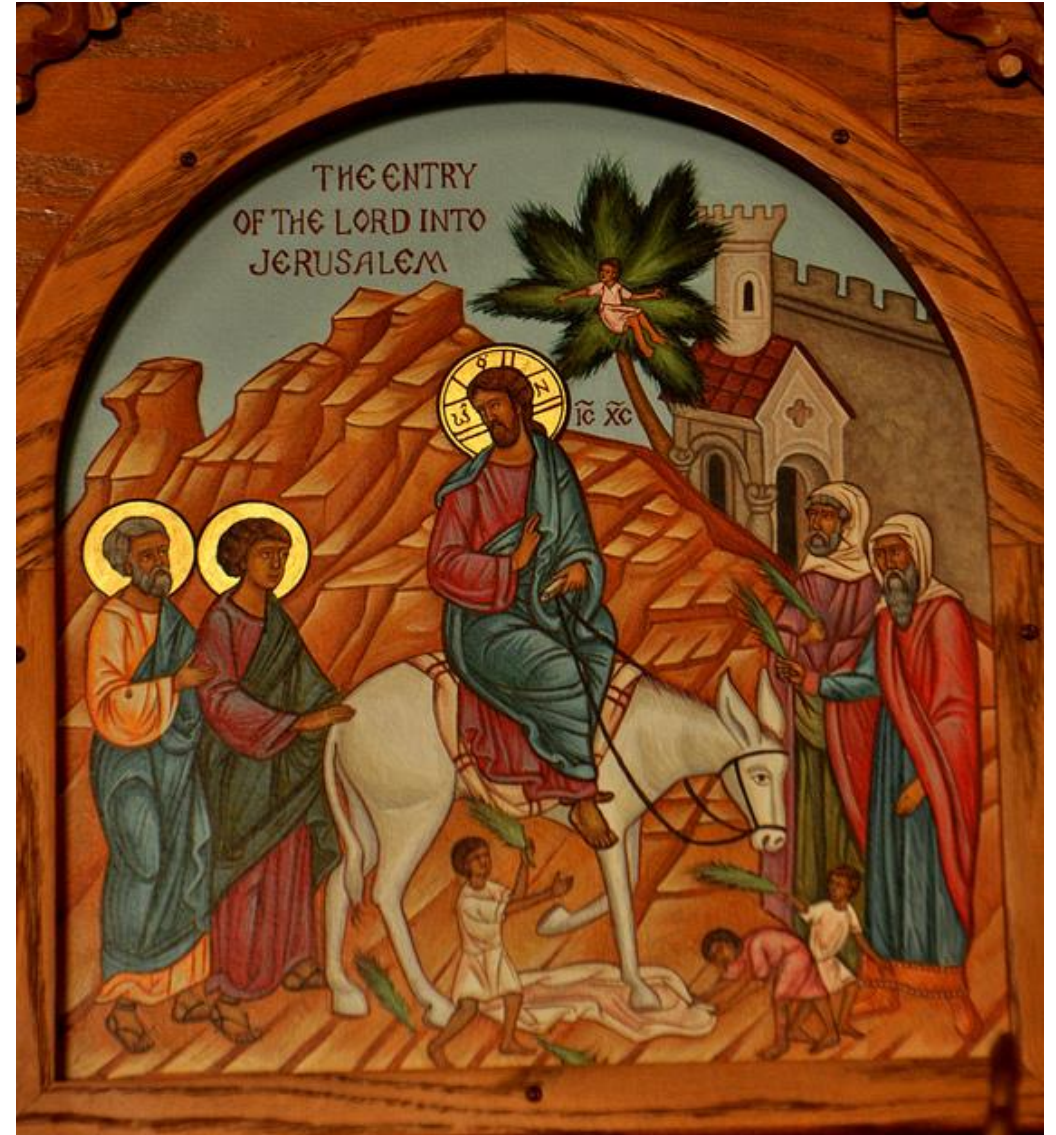
- April 9<sup>th</sup> at Spencerville Nazarene Church w/Jim Fletcher
- April 14<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church w/Andrew Adkins

**Upcoming Birthdays**

12 <sup>th</sup> -MaKenna Kimmet	13 <sup>th</sup> -Sami Jones	16 <sup>th</sup> -Bill Evans
16 <sup>th</sup> -Anne Morris	20 <sup>th</sup> -Kevin Matthews	22 <sup>nd</sup> -Elgarda McGee

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

John & Mary Ellen Lloyd 4/21/56



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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)  
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### TEACHING POINTS

*Point One – The obedient servant has confidence.*

*Point Two – The obedient servant listens.*

*Point Three – The obedient servant would die for others.*

*Point Four - The obedient servant has already been judged and found guiltless and fully acquitted by God.*

### THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

*<sup>4</sup>The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. <sup>5</sup>The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back (Isaiah 50:4-5).*

### ACTION POINT

The response to the ministry of this servant may be the choice of faith, or the choice of further rebellion against God. If people insist on walking by their light, the judgment of God will overtake them, and there will be no escape. The prophet is saying here that the important thing is to cultivate a close personal relationship with God in Christ, to listen so carefully that God awakens you to hear. There is something inside you that is tuned into God, or if it’s not, with some practice, it can be. This Easter Lent season, why not truly make Jesus your Lord and Savior?

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