



**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM

**10-29-17**  
Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)  
Sunday School

**Tuesday:**  
7:00 PM

**10-24-17**  
Women's Bible Study

**Thursday:**  
10:00 AM

**10-26-17**  
Women's Bible Study

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM  
10:45 AM

**11-5-17**  
Worship (*nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs*)  
Sunday School

**Announcements:**

Adult Sunday school will take place in the Prayer Room after the service. The class is looking at historical covenant agreements God has with us.

Women's Bible Study began and is running on Tuesdays at 7 pm and Thursdays at 10 am. Our goal is to fellowship and have fun experiencing God together!

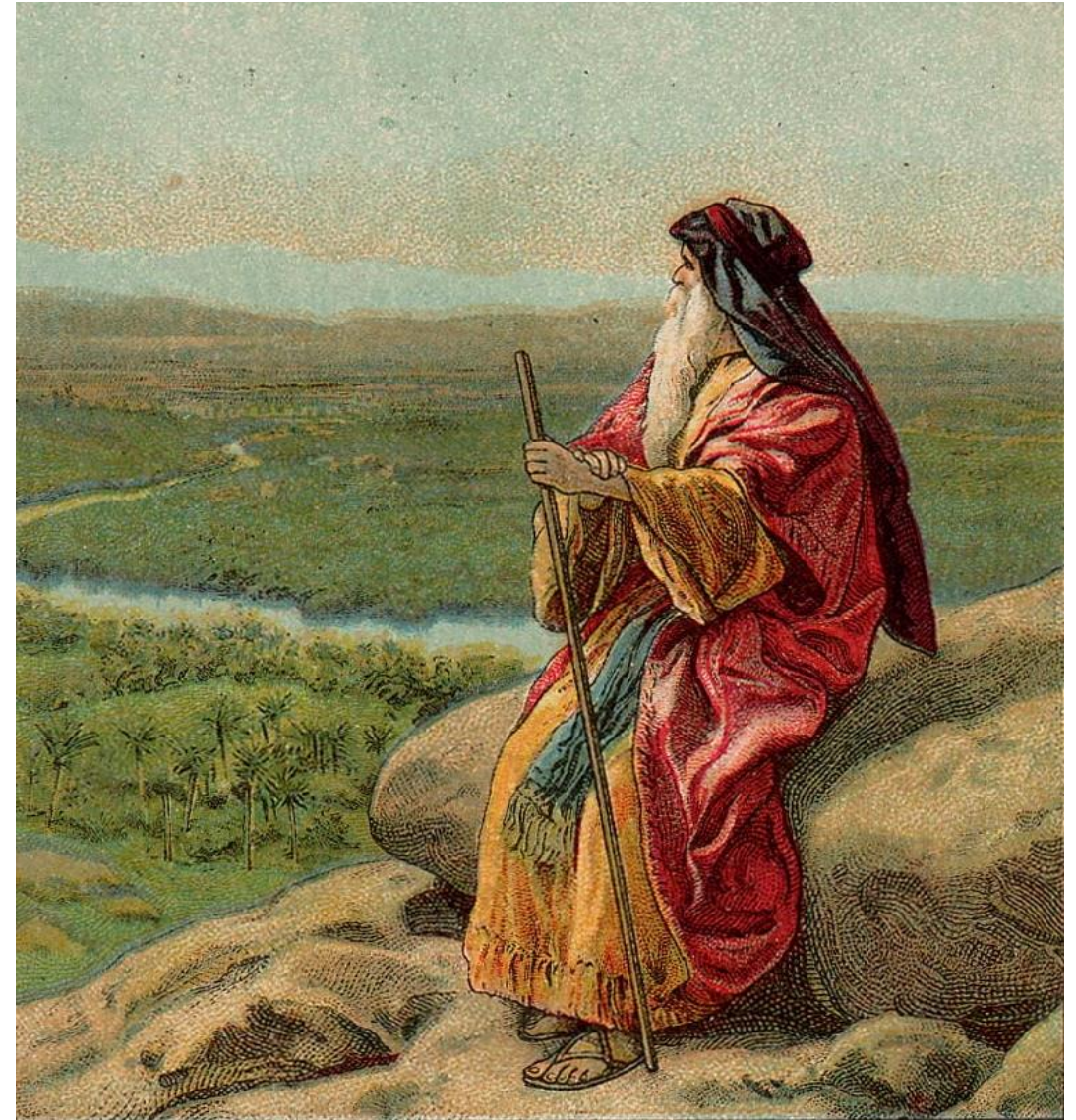
All Saints Day is November 5<sup>th</sup>. The Election Day Supper will be held on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Remember to vote! The Veterans Day Service is on November 12<sup>th</sup>

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to [secretary@salemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@salemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

29<sup>th</sup>-Nancy Swygart  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-Avery Zielke  
5<sup>th</sup>-Marjorie Rhoades

30<sup>th</sup>-Jeff Coil  
5<sup>th</sup>- Carla Breese  
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**Prayer Concerns:**

Elizabeth Adkins (liver issue)  
Leona Browning  
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)  
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Larry Howell  
Linda Howell  
Jeremy Hughes (recovering from MRSA)  
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)  
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)  
Paula Jones (healing from fall)  
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)  
Betty Lloyd  
Elizabeth Markus (depression & salvation)  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Janet Mohr  
Marian Morris  
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)  
Ione Owens  
Kim Owens  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)  
Lewis Price (bladder cancer, stones, Paul Price's brother)  
Joyce Profit (cataract surgery)  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Randy Richards (Lutheran hospital-mowing accident)  
Laura Saylor (Viral Meningitis, wife of Pastor Mike Saylor)  
George Siler (physical therapy)  
Bill Stewart (brother of Kim Coil)  
Keith Stoller (surgical complications)  
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)  
Warren Summersett (cancer)  
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)  
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

**Serving our Country:**

Phoebe Eutsler (U.S. Army)  
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#### TEACHING POINTS

**First.** *Many times, the plans for our journeys that we set out to make in life are interrupted as God calls and inspires us at just the right time, a time we can advance God's mission.*

**Second.** *An unfinished journey can be a devastating experience or an instance of faith.*

**Third.** *It's God's story, not ours, that needs to be continued and eventually completed.*

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

<sup>4</sup>*Then the LORD said to Moses, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have now allowed you to see it with your own eyes, but you will not enter the land” (Deuteronomy 34:4 NLT).*

#### ACTION POINT

All of our unattained goals do not matter in cosmic terms. But God does come beside us, picking up the pieces of our broken dreams, and He tenderly whispers to us, “*Oh, but it does matter eternally.*” It is because our unfinished stories are part of His unfinished story. We are all part of God’s plan to have His people gathered together. We each do our part to the glory of God. We need to remember that we serve God and that God oversees our lives and their outcomes. Not this world, but in heaven do our lives find completion. Likewise, in life and death, Moses was a servant of God. The issue for Moses was not to live or to die, but in all things to belong to God. All who trust and believe in God belong to God. We recognize that life is His treasured gift and comes to us by His grace. Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. These words can heal and comfort us in times when we desperately need healing and comfort.

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