

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
11:45 AM

02-18-18

Worship (nursery with Tuzz & Liz Hobbs)
Sunday School
Session Meeting

Tuesday:

7:00 PM

02-20-18

Teens for Christ (Spencerville)

Sunday:

9:30 AM
10:45 AM
7:00 PM

02-25-18

Worship (nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd)
Sunday School
Pastor Tom presenting at Agape Fellowship church

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School topic is a discussion of the world acclaimed Alpha Class. We will openly discuss our own questions and doubts about God and our own faith.

The **Teens for Christ** of youth from area churches meets on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Spencerville Nazarene Church. If you need a ride, call Pastor Tom to carpool.

The **Session Meeting** is today at 11:45, February 18. The next **Presbytery Meeting** is at 9:30 – 3:30, February 20 at First Presbyterian of Tiffin.

This year, we are continuing the **Lenten Season Pulpit Exchange** of Spencerville area churches. Pastor Tom will present at 7 pm, **February 25th**, at Agape Fellowship Church at 9250 Armstrong Rd. in Spencerville, Ohio (just off 117). We are hosting at Salem Rev. Jim Fletcher, of First Baptist Church, on **March 4th** with a light meal reception to follow.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the March newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

18th-Dalton Ellerbrock
21st Paul Price

18th-Marylin Foust
24th-Tim Price

19th-Corey Hobbs

Belated Anniversary wishes to John C. & Anne Morris on February 15th.



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Doris Evans (cancer)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Larry Howell
Linda Howell
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Hurbert (cancer in lungs & pancreas-friend of Barb Good)
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Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Carol Lee
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Marian Morris
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Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
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TEACHING POINTS

First. We should live for the life to come.

Second. We have a life to live.

Third. We should live in the face of death.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

In conducting his duties, Elijah had no fear of death, and when his time had ended, God received him into heaven without dying. He reappears in scripture on the Mount of Transfiguration and in the Book of Revelation as one of the two Chapter 11 prophets calling for repentance before God's coming judgment. The chariot event was a preview of the later resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus ascended to heaven with His body and soul, so we believers will also be raised as promised by Christ: "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life" (John 6:47 NLT). The prophet's cloak was not merely a piece of clothing, but it was also a symbol of a prophetic task still to be completed by Elisha. We, too as followers of Christ, also have a mission to do for God during our lives; that mission is to live as Christ followers and to tell the world about Jesus' free offer of eternal life.

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