

Sunday: **03-04-18**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kim Coil)
Celebrate St. David's Day
10:45 AM Sunday School
7:00 PM Lenten Pulpit exchange at Salem w/reception

Sunday: **03-11-18**
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)
Guest speaker John Zerbe
7:00 PM Lenten exchange at First Baptist

Announcements:

St. David's Day will be celebrated today. The reception will be in the evening with the pulpit exchange.

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.

Tonight at 7 pm, we are continuing the **Lenten Season Pulpit Exchange** of the seven Spencerville-area churches. We are hosting at Salem. Rev. Jim Fletcher, of First Baptist Church is speaking. A light St. David meal reception to follow.

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.

For the next two weeks, Pastor Tom will be taking the Presbyterian required study leave. He will be out of town to study Reformed Theology with the Ligonier Ministry. In case of emergencies, please call Pastor Tom; he has another ordained pastor who will be available if needed in his absence.

The **Women's Bible Study** will begin again on March 20 for 10 am and 7 pm. The **Senior Luncheon** begins at noon March 28th.

We are bringing youth to the Lima-area **Converge Conference** at the Elida Fieldhouse Friday April 6, 5 pm to Saturday April 7th, 10 pm. If your grade 7-12 youth would like to attend, contact Pastor Tom or Carol to sign up. We also need adult chaperons.

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

Upcoming Birthdays
8th-John Morris 11th-Todd Morris



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TEACHING POINTS

First. God gave us the Ten Commandments to because we are fallen and needed them.

Second. The Commandments defend us from ourselves.

Third. The Commandments easily divide into three subjects. Our relationship with God is the subject of the first three. Our relationship with ourselves is the subject of the fourth. Our contact with each other is the subject of the last six.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

Then God gave the people all these instructions:² “I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.”³ “You must not have any other god but me (Exodus 20:1-3 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Under God’s loving guidance, the Commandments provided a way for the freed slaves to maintain order and to guarantee the benefits of their freedom. God highlighted their wrong behavior. The behavior was wrong, because the moral law of the universe doesn’t work with these violations. For instance, support of murder, committing adultery and stealing will break society down. It doesn’t matter in what period of history; it’s always wrong to steal. It is wrong whether we do it by shop-lifting or cheating on our income tax or failing to give our boss a full day's work. Why not thank God for His wisdom and His care of us by giving us these Commands to live by? Why not memorize them? Why not live by them?

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