

Sunday: 04-22-18
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Dave & Carla Breese*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 04-24-18
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM Teens for Christ

Wednesday: 04-25-18
Noon Senior Luncheon

Sunday: 04-29-18
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Today, we are honored to have **Landon and Ashlyn Price and Jackson and Carter Dunlap** perform their hard work on their first-year piano recitals. Let's show them encouragement for their talents.

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.

This week the **Women's Bible Study** will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm, no 10 am meeting.

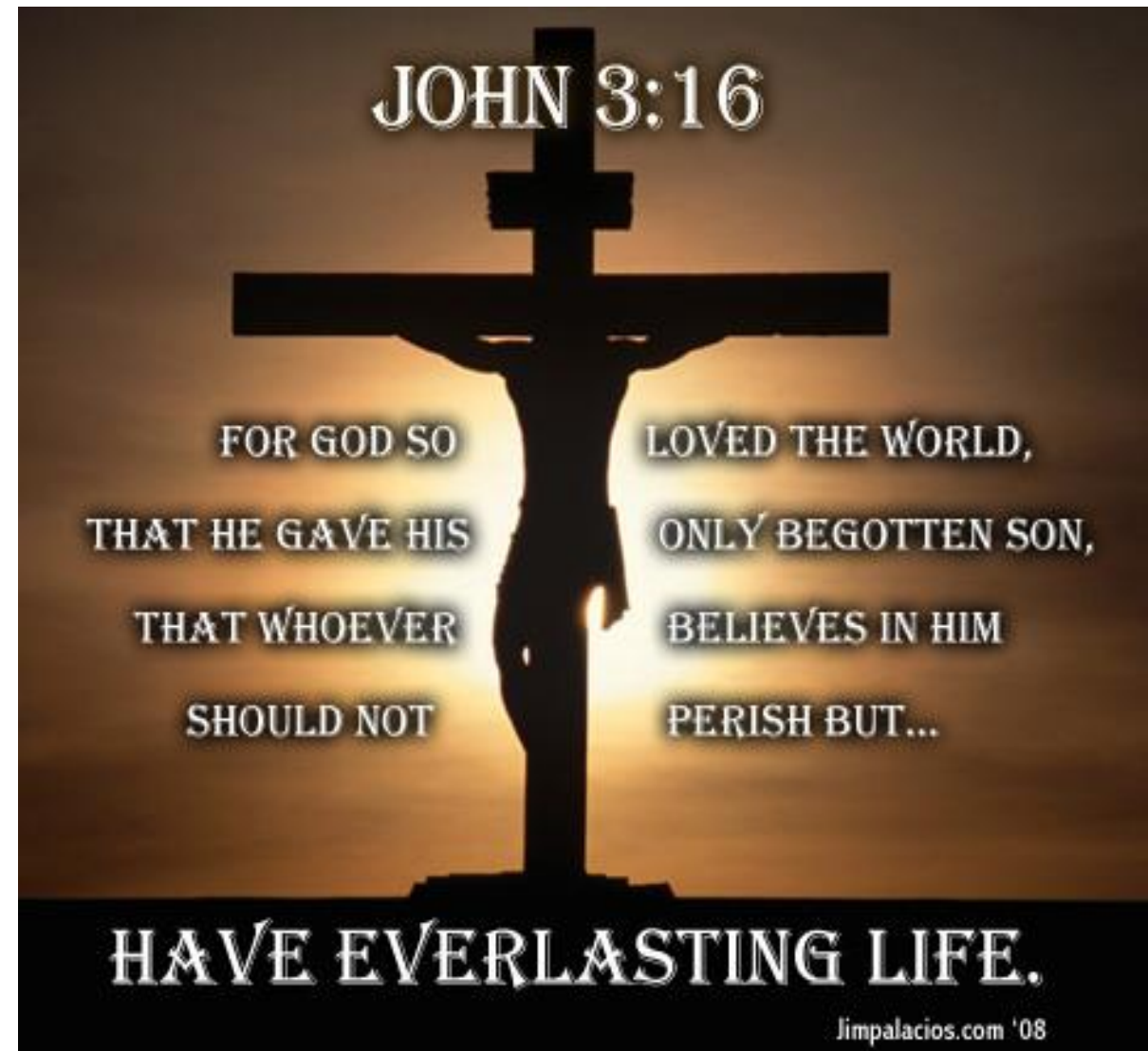
The next **Senior Luncheon** will be held at noon on April 25th.

The new address for **Eric Pugh and family** is:
300 Oak Drive, Spencerville, OH 45887

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

Upcoming Birthdays

22nd-Elgarda McGee 23rd-Grant Zielke 25th-Julia (Morris)Molitor
26th-Gwenda Blackmore 29th-Jenny Pugh



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TEACHING POINTS

First. Jesus, who is God, was rejected.

Second. The rejected Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith.

Third. Jesus is the only foundation on which you can reliably build your life.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

Christians know that we cannot save ourselves. Likewise, the Second Step of the AA Twelve Step Program is this: “*We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.*” For Christians that higher power is Jesus Christ. You come to believe there is a God, and you understand that you are not God. God is in control, not you. Faith in Jesus is the power beyond us, who can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Do we have sense enough to accept it without finding out the hard way through learning lessons by life’s hard knocks? Let us acknowledge that there is no other way than Jesus to be saved from judgment and to have an abundant life. Why not make Jesus your Lord of your life?

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