



**Sunday:** 05-13-18  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd)  
10:45 AM Mother's Day and Jr. Choir Recognition Day  
Sunday School

**Tuesday:** 05-15-18  
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Teens for Christ

**Sunday:** 05-20-18  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)  
1:30 PM Communion & Pentecost Offering  
Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

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

This month's Session meeting is scheduled for 1:30 next Sunday.

The next **Senior Luncheon** will be held at noon on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The congregation is invited to celebrate **Madison Pugh's** upcoming graduation. The celebration will be held on Sunday, May 27, from 6-9 pm at the Venedocia Lions Club.

Please check the **Visitation/Emergency Call List** at the back of the church to verify we have the right phone number and indicate if you are able to receive text messages.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

14 <sup>th</sup> -Bob Louth	15 <sup>th</sup> -Dane Ebel	16 <sup>th</sup> -Chance Mosier
17 <sup>th</sup> -Mary Jane Haines	17 <sup>th</sup> -Delayna Profit	17 <sup>th</sup> -Stacia Profit
18 <sup>th</sup> -Lone Owens	19 <sup>th</sup> -Holden Price	

**Upcoming Anniversaries**

13 <sup>th</sup> -Jerry & Marilyn Foust	19 <sup>th</sup> -Bart & Rosemary Strick
20 <sup>th</sup> -Mark & Missy Zielke	



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Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)  
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Jim Francis  
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*Second. In times of indecision, sometimes in life, we need just to decide.*

*Third. Faith demands decision and action.*

#### THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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#### ACTION POINT

It is characteristic of Luke that he should mention their meeting for prayer. Prayer was apparently something that Peter saw as most important. There are three significant things that we should notice in this connection: first, it was the practice of the early Christians to pray. As prayer had characterized the life of Jesus, so, too, it did the lives of His followers. Prayer always meets with a response. Second, in developing that point, Luke emphasized the disciples’ persistence in prayer. Third, their praying together was an expression of the unity that was a feature of the early church - they all joined together. Their praying maintained their unity. No wonder they triumphed over the Roman Empire; you build a healthy church of God when unified by a shared purpose, centered in constant prayer, and driven by a selfless devotion to God. Who could stop such men and women? They couldn’t be halted then, and they can’t be stopped now. Would you care to join their number?

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