



**Sunday:** 03-10-2019 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)  
 10:45 AM Sunday School  
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 03-12-2019  
 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**Saturday:** 03-16-2019  
 6 AM to 2 PM Lions Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday:** 03-17-2019  
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)  
 10:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:45 AM Session Meeting

**Announcements:**

Today's Adult Bible Study will explore the first eleven chapters of Genesis with the insight of the world's latest scientific thought on creation and evolution.

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday, March 12, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

The **Lions Club Pancake Breakfast** is on March 16 from 6 AM to 2 PM. From 10 AM to 2 PM, the Lions also will be hosting a **free vision test** for preschoolers and Kindergarten students at the Salem church.

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

**Upcoming Birthdays**

11<sup>th</sup>-Todd Morris                      14<sup>th</sup>-Larry Caffro  
 14<sup>th</sup>-Elijah Martz                      16<sup>th</sup>-Tom Emery



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Kylee Ball (surgery)  
Peggy Burnett  
Jackie Coalson (COPD)  
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)  
Jim Davis (cancer)  
Mark Davis  
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)  
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)  
Doris Evans (cancer)  
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)  
Judy Foust  
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)  
Bill Harmon (cancer)  
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)  
Bob Hundley (cancer)  
Tim Huster (cancer)  
Jan Jones (health Issues)  
Paula Jones (healing from fall)  
Kale (nightmares)  
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Barbara Lewis (heart attack)  
Linda Lissey (cancer)

Bob Louth  
Becky Martz (health problems)  
Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)  
Sarah Miller (health issues)  
Gwen Montez (surgery)  
Marian Morris  
Chance Mosier (shoulder surgery)  
Kim Owens  
Dorothea Plikerd  
Joyce Profit  
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)  
Marjorie Rhodes  
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)  
Shelly (vertigo)  
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)  
Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's dad)  
Herb Summersett (prostrate cancer)  
Kerry Walls  
Doug Wierwille (cancer)  
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)  
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**TEACHING POINTS**

**POINT ONE** – *We give thanks to God for His dependability.*

**POINT TWO** – *Expect life to be rough on everyone even with the promises of God.*

**POINT THREE** – *We can live in contentment because God’s grace is enough for us.*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

*[Instructions] ‘...And now, O LORD, I have brought you the first portion of the harvest you have given me from the ground.’ Then place the produce before the LORD your God, and bow to the ground in worship before him. (Deuteronomy 26:10 NLT).*

**ACTION POINT**

Another aspect of this Jewish prayer for continued blessing rests on the invaders continued obedience, but also on their admitting it is not as earned by obedience. The blessing of God is part of the title deeds of the land, and prior even to that. It was bound into the promise at the heart of the covenant of grace made with their fathers. The meaning of the verse is therefore not, “we have obeyed so you must bless us,” but, “you have already blessed us in history and the present, and we have responded in obedience, so graciously continue to bless us.” Likewise, in the New Testament, we are not people who can earn ourselves into heaven, so God owes us. Instead, our promise of heaven is about receiving the gift of eternal life extended to us by our unwavering belief in the completed work of Jesus on the cross. Jesus paid for our sins to make us right with God. Why not thank God, for His offer and receive it, and in obedience follow joyfully God’s commandments?

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