

Sunday: **03-17-2019 2nd Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Eric & Jenny Pugh*)
10:45 AM Sunday School
11:45 PM Session Meeting

Tuesday: **03-17-2019**
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: **03-24-2019 3rd Sunday in Lent**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Rex & Lisa Lloyd*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

Today's Adult Bible Study will continue to 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 17, at 7 PM. We are going through the Book of Matthew. All are welcome.

Senior Luncheon will be held on March 27th at noon.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

20 th -Jonathon Morris	20 th -Brian Owens
22 nd -Toby Adkins	23 rd -Josh Hoehn
23 rd -Joyce Profit	28 th -Ron Richards



Faith of Abraham

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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)
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Bob Hundley (cancer)
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Paula Jones (healing from fall)
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Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)
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Marian Morris
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Kim Owens
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *God Always Keeps His Promises.*

POINT TWO – *God’s Timing Is Not Our Timing.*

POINT THREE – *The Promises Are as Good as the Promiser.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

⁶*And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith (Genesis 15:6 NLT).*

ACTION POINT

Abraham attained righteousness through faith not because of what he did but what he refused to do. Instead of controlling his life and destiny and taking God on his terms, he accepted God on God’s terms and rested in the truth that God’s plan and the promise was paramount, even if the timetable seemed uncertain. Abraham understood that hope is trusting that something will be fulfilled according to the promises [of God] and not just according to our wishes. For Abraham, God was more than a vehicle for a pledge. God was the Lord of his life. This is evident in Abraham’s attitude and strength during his barren situation. When Abraham first believed, his circumstances did not change immediately. Instead of waiting in protest, he remained in hope. For Abraham, the question was no longer if or when, but how. Abraham was now confident that God’s promise for him would be fulfilled. Why not likewise by faith trust in the promises of God of abundant life on earth and of eternal life with Him?

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