

Sunday: 01-24-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Todd & Jayne Morris)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday: 01-26-21
7:00 PM Women's Study

Sunday: 01-31-21
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Gwenda Blackmore)
Congregational meeting following the service
to approve the Financial reports for 2020.
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** is this Tuesday at 7 PM.

Today's topic in the **Adult Sunday school** is an introduction and discussion of the world acclaimed British **Alpha** series. We will openly discuss our own questions and doubts about God and our own faith. If you grew up in the church, it is a way to make your faith your own.

Please sign up on the new 2021 **Flower Calendar**.

The boxes with **Offering Envelopes** can be found on the white table in the prayer room. Please sign your name beside the box number you take for the year 2021.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

28 th Scott Fair	30 th Doris Price
30 th John Smith	31 st Carrie Jones



The Book of Jonah "You Cannot Outrun God"

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Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Rosemary Cooper
Asher Eberle
Marjorie Eutsler
Melissa Fallis (Warren Summersett's granddaughter)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kieszka (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
LuAnn (family issues)
John & Mary Ellen Lloyd
Donald Martin
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Byron Mohr
David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)
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TEACHING POINTS

First. God has universal love for all people.

Second. You cannot outrun God.

Third. Repentance leads to real change.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, He changed His mind and did not carry out the destruction He had threatened. (Jonah 3:10 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Jonah obeys Yahweh as a grateful response to the deliverance that God has afforded him in chapter 2. God’s deliverance provides no “cheap forgiveness” that allows its recipient simply to bask in the salvation won. Rather, along with the grace, there is always the demand of God’s expectation of an obedient response, because God saves you for a purpose. God has a purpose for this world, and God saves us to further that plan. As Psalm 130:4 puts it, “*But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared (respected)*” (ESV). God expects the obedient response of those who are saved. Are you open to a change of plans? You have been walking in your way. Are you willing to step along in His way? Only a willingness to change directions and your invitation to Christ to come into your life can do that.

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